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Fans hail great Cup adventure as Glassboys bow out with pride

Come on! Fan Brandon Connon, aged nine

Fans in good voice, from left, Nick Baker, Dean Ironmonger, Ian Kendall, Dave Garratt, Kate Kendall and Alex Kendall

A sea of red and white as Stourbridge FC Juniors show their support. *Pictures: Patrick Mulvaney*

END OF A DREAM, BUT START OF A LEGACY

Mascots Edward Solly, left, and Harvey Moreton at the War Memorial Ground

STOURBRIDGE'S fairytale FA Cup run is over – but club bosses have vowed that it will produce a legacy.

The money-spinning run finally came to an end with Saturday's 3-0 defeat at home to Stevenage in the second round.

But the club said the £100,000 windfall from television rights, prize money and gate receipts will be "used wisely", with possible plans for new youth training facilities and terracing.

By Adam Burling

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The Glassboys' hopes of reaching the third round – and a possible clash with a big gun Premier League outfit – were dashed by the defeat.

But history has been made with the club's first appearance in the second round in its 135-year history.

The Southern Premier League part-timers admitted that their high-flying League One opponents were too strong in the end, but insisted they can continue with their heads held high.

Chairman Ian Pilkington said: "We are very proud of what we have achieved and we have left a great legacy.

"We want to build on this now – we've attracted a lot of new fans and we want them to stay with us. The money can be used to improve the ground as we hopefully head up the leagues."

The cash could be spent on installing barriers in the Shed End to increase the capacity, and permanent terraces in the ground.

The first round replay victory over Plymouth Argyle was broadcast across the globe on ESPN, which brought in £17,500, and Mr Pilkington said the publicity for the club has been "invaluable".

Saturday's match was a near sell-out with the 3,067 attendance the club's biggest for 40 years.

Two temporary stands at the cricket pitch side of the ground have now been dismantled. However, the one behind the goal at the Church End could stay until the end of the season.

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Family's shock as car crashes into their wall

A CAR being followed by police careered across three front gardens before smashing into a wall outside a family's home.

The white Mercedes wrecked two brick walls and badly damaged a third when it crashed to a stop at the property in Wollaston Road, Stourbridge.

It smashed into a four-feet high brick wall covering a grass bank overlooking the canal. Two men suffered minor injuries in the crash at about 4.30am on Sunday, which left the front of the car badly smashed in.

The 28-year-old passenger was trapped in the wreckage and had to be cut free from it when fire crews arrived.

Residents were still clearing up the debris in their front gardens on the following day.

Lee Beddall, aged 41, said: "I was asleep when in bed when I was woken up by a massive loud bang followed by sirens.

"At first I thought something had hit a fire engine at the crossroads with the A491 up the road.

Window

"We're used to hearing traffic and crashes, as this is a busy road, but I've never heard anything like this," he added.

"I looked out of the window and couldn't see anything at first – but then I was shocked when I saw the car against our wall," said Mr Beddall.

A front window and the bonnet of his Land Rover were both damaged by bricks which were sent flying from the wall during the crash.

Police spokeswoman Helen Thompson said the Mercedes was being followed by officers at the time.

A 25-year-old man alleged to be the driver of the Mercedes was arrested at the scene by officers.

He was charged with handling stolen goods, in relation to the car, dangerous driving and failing to provide a breath test.

Above, The scene in Wollaston Road after a Mercedes careered across three gardens and crashed into a wall. Right, Lee Beddall and his sons Oliver, seven, and Thomas, nine, at their home.

Meeting Santa via the canal

Youngsters and their families can take a festive boat trip along an historic canal before paying Santa Claus a visit in his grotto.

Stourbridge Navigation Trust will launch its traditional Santa Boat Trips from the Bonded Warehouse, in Canal Street, from Sunday (December 11).

Events will then take place on December 17, 18 and 23.

Families will take a 20-minute ride along the Stourbridge Town Canal before returning to the Bonded Warehouse to see Santa.

Each child will receive a gift and will be able to open them in the coffee lounge while their parents enjoy a hot drink and mince pie. All tickets cost £7.

For more information, or to book in advance, call the navigation trust on 01384 395216.

Firm's award is figured out

AN accountancy firm based in Stourbridge has bagged a prestigious family business award.

Baldwins was crowned leading advisor to family businesses during an awards ceremony at Birmingham Town Hall.

More than 300 guests turned out to see the company, set up in 1970, win the accolade.

Plea for gifts at concert

Church devotees are urged to do more than just sing at a carol concert this weekend – organisers want them to bear gifts for needy children.

Everyone attending the joint service at Dudley Concert Hall on Sunday (December 11) will be encouraged to bring an item suitable for a youngster who might otherwise end up with nothing at Christmas.

Volunteers at the Black Country Foodbank, spearheaded by Wendy Fryatt from Chawn Hill Church, Pedmore, will then distribute the donated items to children of families assisted throughout the year with supplies of groceries.

She said: "We know times are hard but Christmas is a time for thinking of others and we are expecting a good turnout and response."

The service, starting at 5.30pm, will feature classic and contemporary carols, gospel singer Vic Watson, a stringed quartet and band. Saltmine Theatre Company and James Hamilton will present a modern Christmas story.

Tickets, £3 for adults and £1 for children, are available by calling on 01384 812812. All proceeds to the foodbank.

Care home wants extra bedrooms

Plans have been unveiled to extend a Stourbridge care home and create five extra bedrooms.

If approved, work at The Brambles Care Home on Vicarage Road, Amblecote, would involve a two-storey extension to include a new conservatory, sitting room, stores and additional bathroom. Plans have gone to Dudley Council.

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Don't fret, it's the anniversary waltz

A BANJO player from Stourbridge will celebrate the 10th anniversary of founding a popular orchestra by leading a Christmas concert this weekend.

Professional musician Danielle Saxon Reeves established the Midlands Fretted Orchestra in 2001 and has continued at the helm ever since, in addition to performing and running a busy teaching practice.

The orchestra is one of only a dozen similar ensembles in the UK and currently comprises 35 musicians of varying ages, abilities and styles who all play fretted instruments.

The Christmas concert this Saturday (December 10, 7.30pm) takes place at the Bonded Warehouse on Canal Street and will include a host of festive favourites as well as music by Prokofiev and Corelli plus several Christmas carols.

Guitar

Danielle, who also plays the guitar, said: "The group prides itself on offering a unique musical experience for players and audiences; they bring together acoustic instruments not found in today's orchestras, particularly mandolins, banjos, classical, bass and steel strung guitars.

"They have performed all over the West Midlands and as far afield as Bristol and Glasgow."

On the night there will also be a bar and a raffle of themed hampers. Tickets are £6.50, under-16s free when accompanied by a paying adult. Call 0121 422 7884.

For more information on the orchestra visit www.m-f-o.co.uk or contact Danielle Saxon Reeves on 01384 893987.

Banjo player Danielle Saxon-Reeves prepares for the Christmas concert at the Bonded Warehouse

Santa and sleigh are on tour

MEMBERS of Stourbridge and Brierley Hill Round Table are in the middle of their annual charity sleigh ride.

Santa is taking his sleigh around the streets of the two areas accompanied by members of the group in the run-up to Christmas.

Cash raised from the events will go to the charity Rollercoasters, a local organisation catering for children from the Dudley area with multiple disabilities and additional physical and learning disabilities.

Tonight (December 8) the sleigh will be touring the Lakeside area of Amblecote between 6pm and 9pm.

On December 11 it will be in the Milking Bank area of Dudley between 4pm and 8pm before moving to Park Road and Roman Road in Wollaston on December 13 between 6pm and 9pm.

On December 15 it will be back in Milking Bank, Dudley between 6pm and 9pm. Then it's back to Lakeside on December 18 between 4pm and 8pm.

Saddle up call with launch of cycle rides for women

NEW cycling sessions aimed at women have been launched via Age UK Dudley. Two cycling support riders will lead the rides, the first of which takes place on December 13.

It will start from Dell Stadium in Brierley Hill from 10am and will cover around six miles, mainly using canal towpaths and travelling through Merry Hill and the Waterfront. Details: Call 01384 343535 or email leapover60@ageukdudley.org.uk .

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Cannabis man avoids prison term

A MAN found with more than £600 of cannabis at his house in Lye has avoided an immediate jail term.

Trevor Campbell, aged 49, was at home in Love Lane when police swooped on June 14, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. Mr Stuart Clarkson, prosecuting, said cannabis weighing 65.07g, with a street value of £649.17, was seized along with £440 cash.

Campbell admitted being in possession of cannabis with intent to supply.

Mr Ekwall Tiwana, defending, said Campbell had suffered from headaches and took the drug as self-medication. He supplied four or five friends regularly.

Campbell was given an eight-month prison sentence, suspended for two years, with a supervision requirement for 12 months.

Christmas lift for the shops

TRADERS in a Stourbridge passageway have created their own Christmas display – after claiming they are on the "wild west frontier" of town.

Katrina Blakeway, who owns the Harvest Moon gift shop in Victoria Passage, and fiance Chris Armfield have created festive scenes.

Other traders have donated materials and the owner of Lisa Marie's Boutique has helped them to wrap presents for displays in two empty shops.

"We'd appeal to local traders to think not what Stourbridge can do for you, but more what you can do for Stourbridge," said Mr Armfield, aged 52.

Tree

"We're like the wild west on the edge of the frontier, just off the main High Street, where the Christmas lights go up.

"So we decided to do something ourselves to attract more shoppers and have been working up to 10 at night to create the scenes."

Chris and Katrina, aged 39, have painted Victorian figures and set up a Christmas tree surrounded by presents in the former premises of Artisan Organic. Lisa Flude, owner of Lisa Marie's Boutique, said: "I think Katrina and Chris have done a fabulous display."

Creative – Lisa Flude of Lisa Marie's Boutique and Chris Armfield of Harvest Moon

Chemical alert as residents forced out

ABOUT 20 residents were evacuated from their homes in Gornal Wood by fire crews when a strong smell of chemicals seeped into their living rooms.

The householders, some elderly, could not get back into their properties in Brook Street for three hours while fire crews tried to track down the stench.

Some were taken in by other residents while a group of about 10, along with two pet dogs, went to the Darby and Joan club yards away in Abbey Street, which had been opened for them by a club member.

Residents were ushered from the eight terraced houses at about 6pm on Saturday after householder David Elcock, aged 55, called the emergency services for advice.

Homes were taped off and part of the road shut by police. Firefighters carried out tests on the vapour and found the smell was probably caused by someone dumping paint thinner down a drain.

Kitchen fitter Mr Elcock said he became concerned after visiting sisters Ida Cox and Ena Harris next door and noticing the smell was worse in their house.

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Trains get a boost on seating

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The move, which began on Sunday, means fewer passengers will be forced to stand on London Midland trains.

However, some trains now leave earlier – and some will stop calling at stations in the Black Country.

The company has introduced 2,308 more seats on its West Midlands services.

There will be 531 more seats on Stourbridge services and 686 extra for Walsall.

On the Chase Line the 6.39am and 7.40am Rugeley to Birmingham service will have an extra coach as will the 5.42pm and 6.12pm Birmingham to Rugeley trains.

New choir to make debut

A NEW Glee-style show choir launched in Stourbridge is rehearsing for its public debut after attracting more than 65 members.

Beth Dunn, a singing teacher, launched Got 2 Sing in the summer.

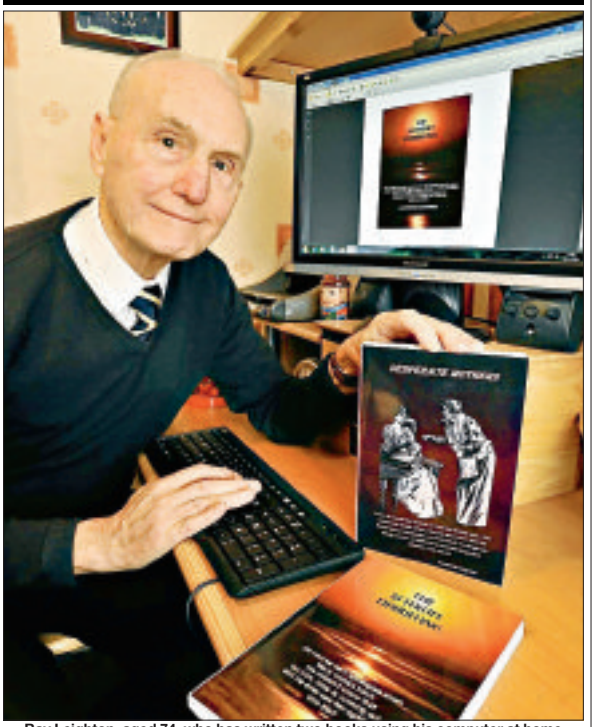
The choir will appear at St Mary's Church on December 15 at 7.30pm.

Students take the plunge for cash

STUDENTS at a Stourbridge school have taken a dip to help raise funds for a new minibus.

Youngsters from Ridgewood High School raised £300 in a sponsored swim at the David Lloyd Leisure Centre in Brierley Hill.

Novel experiences for Ray, 74



Ray Leighton, aged 74, who has written two books using his computer at home

TEN YEARS ago grandfather Ray Leighton didn't even know how to turn on a computer – now the silver surfer has become a whiz on all things on-line and has even gone on to complete two novels which have both been published.

The 74-year-old has even produced his own booklet for friends and family on how to fix computer problems and says the machine has "revolutionised his life."

The father-of-six and grandfather of 13 was given his first computer around a decade ago by his son Mark – who had to show him where the power switch was – and from then has gone from strength to strength.

Mr Leighton, who lives on Oakfield Road in Wollescote, said: "I have always loved to write and done some short stories but I used to have to do it by hand.

"It is amazing that my work has been printed, it is something I never expected."

The retired chapel custodian's two novels are called Desperate Mothers, a historical novel set in Victorian times about baby farming and The Afterlife Debriefing, a fantasy novel. Both are available in paperback or the Kindle via the website Amazon.

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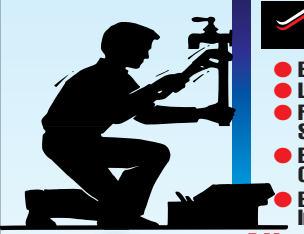
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Dealer in drugs is jailed

A MAN is beginning a three-year jail term after being found guilty of drug dealing in Lye.

David Campbell, aged 23, was arrested in August when the Lye Next Steps police team carried out drugs warrants after tip-offs from the community.

Officers swooped on a house in Valley Road, Lye, on August 26 and found a large amount of crack cocaine and heroin wraps.

Campbell, of Westminster Road, Handsworth, admitted possession with intent to supply controlled drugs and was jailed by Wolverhampton Crown Court for three years and four months.

Pc Stuart Lewis, of Lye's Next Steps Police Team, said: "This is an excellent result. It is very pleasing to know that the drugs we seized during the execution of the warrant are not being dealt.

"We would encourage the local community to come forward and let us know if they suspect anything suspicious in their area. We always take this type of intelligence very seriously."

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Thumbs up from Ofsted

Hagley Playgroup staff celebrate their Ofsted report. From left, Paula Baker, Jane Best,Judith Reis, Sharon Gould, Jayne Harvey and Donna Lamb

HAGLEY Playgroup staff are celebrating after receiving their best Ofsted inspection results yet.

The playgroup, based at Hagley Community Centre, was ranked "Outstanding" in every single category.

The playgroup, which has been running for 50 years, takes children between the age of two and four and opens on four mornings a week.

The report, which followed an inspection in October,said: "Children are happy, settled and confident" and noted that "staff recognise the individuality of every child attending".

It also said that "staff work highly effectively as a motivated team, offering excellent quality childcare and a positive start for children and their families".

Playgroup manager Sharon Gould said: "We are absolutely thrilled with this result.

"Due to our playgroup being based within a community centre, we never expected that we would achieve outstanding grades across the board.

Feedback

"But this proves that, whatever the setting, with a strong and caring team of practitioners, high quality childcare is achievable.

"We are always receiving positive feedback from parents but for all our hard work to be officially recognised by Ofsted truly brings our efforts to life."

Visitors check canal work

ESSENTIAL maintenance work on a Dudley canal gave visitors the chance to get a rare glimpse "behind the scenes" at the site.

The work at Delph Locks on the Dudley No1 Canal will see new lock gates installed.

On November 30 members of the public took a tour of the site near Brierley Hill during an open day to find out from expert staff how the specialist work is carried out. People were able to watch demonstrations of the gates being lifted out and talk with the on-site maintenance team.

British Waterways construction supervisor Adam Bannister said: "These are all essential works to keep the waterways in the best possible condition we can, for the benefit of the millions of customers who visit them.

"Each canal differs around the country, so therefore each lock gate is unique to its canal and has to be hand-crafted to achieve a watertight fit."

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Young voices in song

Thousands of school children packed out the LG arena, Birmingham, for the Young Voices concert

YOUNGSTERS from across the Black Country were joined by singing sensation Connie Talbot for the first of the region's annual Young Voices concerts.

More than 8,500 youngsters aged between seven and 10, from 160 schools, took part in the shows at Birmingham's LG Arena on three out of four nights between November 28 and December 1.

Dudley schools involved in the shows include Glynne Primary School, Kingswinford; Milkingbank Primary School, Dudley; Russells Hall Primary School, Dudley; Newfield Park Primary school, Halesowen; Lutley Primary school, Halesowen and Gig Mill Primary School, Stourbridge.

Streetly schoolgirl Connie Talbot, 11, who made her name on the ITV show Britain's Got Talent, sang her new song Beautiful World at the event.

Pupils Amy Preece and Emily Dunn-Bartle both aged 10, from Glynne Primary School on Cot Lane in Kingswinford said they had a fantastic day at the LG Arena, and had enjoyed rehearsing for it at school.

Amy said: "We had our rehearsals at the after school club, and had extra ones as it came closer to the show."

Emily added: "Our favourite songs are the pop medley and the Queen medley, and we love doing the actions."

This is the 15th year of the Young Voices concerts which raises funds for children's cancer charity CLIC Sargent.

Amy Preece and Emily Dunn-Bartlett, both aged 10, are from Glynne Primary School, Kingswinford

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Tyler gets a kick out of title

A TALENTED youngster from Pedmore has struck gold after being crowned kickboxing's under-12s world champion.

Tyler Cox, of Chalfont Place, triumphed in the International Combat Organisation world championships in Germany and is also taking his black belt exams this month.

The eight-year-old, a pupil at Hob Green Primary School, has attended Charlesworth Marshall Arts in Old Hill for the past four years.

Tyler Cox, aged eight, of Stourbridge has been crowned world champion

Proud

During the final in Frankfurt he went head to head with one of the host nation's own young talents but emerged the winner to get the gold.

He is following in the footsteps of his 18-year-old brother Kyeran who currently holds the men's and under-18s world champion titles.

Their father Darren said: "Tyler is brilliant, he is doing so well and Kyeran is really proud of him and what he has achieved at such a young age.

"They are very supportive brothers and I hope they both carry on because they have really bright futures ahead of them," added Mr Cox.

"Tyler has already proved his abilities and we are all excited to watch him progress further in the hope he goes on to win many more world titles."

Controversial homes plan now a step nearer

CONTROVERSIAL plans to build more than 200 homes and a medical centre on land near Stourbridge have taken another pace forward.

A planning application for the development has now been lodged with council chiefs.

Developers say public response has had an influence on the submitted plans. But objectors say the scheme does not appear to have been downsized.

The scheme, put together by Cala Homes, would be built off the Kidderminster Road in Hagley.

It has prompted concern among residents who are worried it will overstretch village services such as schools and that roads in the area may not be able to cope with extra traffic.

The site is part of the 350-acre estate owned by Lord Cobham who wants to sell the land to help safeguard Hagley Hall.

A planning application for the work has now been submitted to Bromsgrove District Council for consideration. If it gets the go-ahead, up to 230 homes would be built along with the medical centre and industrial space.

Officials are hoping to make a decision on the scheme in February next year. Those who want to have a say on the proposals have until later this month to submit their views.

Popular

Planning documents submitted to the council said developers have carried out a "great deal" of work before the application was submitted and highlights the fact that a public consultation attended by more than 500 people has also been held.

A report on the proposals states: "This proved a popular event with more than 500 people attending over the course of a day. Where possible, the constructive comments have been taken into consideration during the design process." It says pre-application advice has influenced details of the access position, the medical facility and other design issues.

However, Hagley Parish Council chairman Steve Colella said: "It does not look like the plans have been downsized at all.

"So many residents came forward during the recent consultation to register their objections and it looks like they have been ignored.

"This will have a huge impact on the local community. It will create congestion and put strain on local schools – but it seems the developers have only considered planning concerns on the site and not looked at the bigger picture."

He said residents were now looking to step up their campaign against the plans and would write to the council.

No timetable yet with just month to go at the Crown

TALKS to agree a timetable of works for Stourbridge's Crown shopping centre are still being hammered out by officials with only a month left before the scheme is due to start.

Dudley Council confirmed that supermarket giant Tesco has yet to submit a schedule of works for the £50million project at Stourbridge's Crown Centre.

And until the dates are in the authority cannot confirm a programme of road closures or when the centre, and adjoining Bell Street car park, will close to the public.

A supermarket is set to be built at the Crown Centre site which will undergo a major redevelopment.

Bell Street car park will be demolished and a new one built in its place.

Bosses have previously said work is due to begin in January with the car park scheduled to close early in the month.

But they say nothing can be confirmed until the timetable is in place – and no date has yet been set for when it will be submitted.

However, a leading councillor has said developments will be "ready to go" in January as planned.

Dudley Council's cabinet member for regeneration, Councillor Angus Adams, said he was confident everything would be in place by that time.

Scenes

"At the moment we are still waiting for Tesco to deliver a timetable and talks are continuing at the present time," he said.

"Until then we cannot confirm dates because we do not want to say something is happening and then it doesn't.

"However work is taking place behind the scenes on this project.

"So when we do have the dates we can put things in place straight away," he added.

"Road closures are being planned and these will just need to be agreed.

"We will be ready to go by January as has been planned."

Last week, around 80 parking bays were closed at the Bell Street car park ahead of its planned demolition.

And work has taken place at the nearby Ryemarket multi-storey which is expected to take on the majority of Bell Street users.

Car park shedding 80 of its spaces

ABOUT 80 parking bays are being closed at an outdated multi-storey car park in Stourbridge ahead of its demolition.

Spaces are being fenced off and motorists are being asked to make use of other parts of the Bell Street car park.

It is due to be demolished in January as part of the revamp of the Crown Centre, which includes a new Tesco.

Council bosses said the move was to "encourage people to use better areas of the car park".

Available

Bays in the car park are being cordoned off on levels two and three.

There, and on level four, the remaining parking spaces between columns will be reduced from three to two.

Cabinet member for transport Councillor Patrick Harley said that there will still be spaces available on the higher levels in addition to those on on the Crown Centre roof car park.

"There will be little impact to motorists who use the car park, as adequate parking will still be available.

"It is, however, an opportune time to advise motorists to consider using alternative car parking in the town in preparation for when Bell Street closes," he said.

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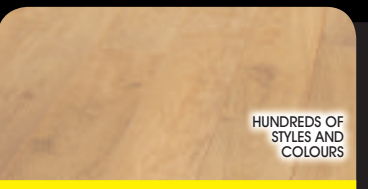

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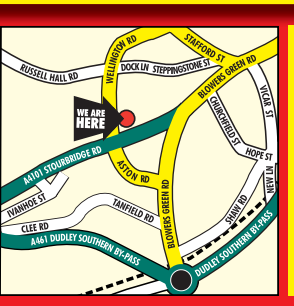

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New film to check out spirits at a haunted landmark pub

IT WILL BE lights, camera and action for a famous Black Country pub soon as filming begins for a ghost movie.

The film, called The Crooked House, will be shot at the slanted pub in Himley and be released in both the UK and America.

Los Angeles based film-maker Mark Todd, who comes from Wednesbury, will travel over from LA in the new year to begin work on the project.

The main film will tell the story of an LA-based English film director who buys the Crooked House and moves in with his American wife.

Take one – The Crooked House pub in Himley

Dramatic

Soon ghosts start to appear and set off a chain of events, climaxing in a dramatic ending.

A cast of up-and-coming actors from both the Midlands and America have been given parts in the movie, using contacts Mr Todd has made through his career.

While shooting the film Mr Todd, aged 46, will also make a documentary about ghosts in Dudley – looking in particular at the castle and the Talbot Hotel.

He said: "It's very exciting and I'm so glad it's all finally coming together.

"This will be a great thing for the area and will really put the Crooked House on the map. It's such a fascinating place that I just knew I had to make a film there when I visited."

Plans are being drawn up to release the film in some independent cinemas in the UK and America, and it will also be out on DVD.

Mr Todd said he believes American audiences will love the film.

He said: "Americans are into anything that is typically English and this definitely fits the bill."

A former puppeteer on TV shows such as Live and Kicking and Noel's House Party, Mr Todd moved to LA five years ago after marrying his actor wife Ashley.

The Crooked House is said to have two resident ghosts – a young girl referred to as Polly, and a barmaid in her 20s.

Owners Wayne and Jason Penn are now preparing to accommodate the film crew.

Head-cams bid to keep down crime in shopping centre

POLICE will carry cameras on their helmets while patrolling the Merry Hill shopping centre during the run-up to Christmas as part of a seasonal crime crackdown.

Operation Blizzard will focus on reducing crime such as robbery, pickpocketing and anti social behaviour at the centre in Dudley.

Dudley police and security staff patrolling the Merry Hill Centre will wear the "head-cams" to film the area.

The cameras may pick up crimes the officers may not have seen while working at the shopping complex.

Police say the move will also help to identify anyone moved on from the area for causing trouble in case they try to return.

Sergeant Richard Evans, heading the operation, said: "A no-tolerance approach will be used by the team of officers and security staff to ensure that the Merry Hill Centre continues to be a low crime area.

"The head-cams will allow us to film areas such as the bus station, giving us an extra pair of eyes to help us prevent incidents before they happen.

Prohibit

"Police will also be issuing dispersal orders under Section 27 of the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 to those individuals likely to be engaging in crime or disorder. This will prohibit them from returning to the centre within 24 hours.

"If anyone fails to comply with this dispersal, they could face being arrested."

Andrew Black, head of security for Merry Hill, said: "This is a continuation of our partnership in reducing crime and anti-social behaviour further within the centre."

The equipment has been funded by Dudley's Safe & Sound Community Safety Partnership. Police say they are aiming to provide a safe and trouble-free shopping environment.

Sgt Evans added: "We will be working together with Westfield Merry Hill by increasing patrols and sharing intelligence."

Maritime theme for pupils

CHILDREN from Dudley took part in a series of maritime-themed workshops to recognise the area's historic link with the Titanic.

The events took place at The Savoy Centre in Dudley, managed by Black Country Housing Group, in partnership with Dudley Council. They welcomed 50 children from Sledmere Primary school.

Students were able to examine a replica of the Titanic anchor, now located in the old market place in Netherton, and then enjoyed some collage and crafts workshops.

Gemma Parsons, Year Two teacher at Sledmere Primary School, said: "The children had a superb day at the Savoy Centre."

New Zealand slide show

AMBLECOTE History Society stages its annual Christmas social on Wednesday, December 14 (7.30pm) at Amblecote Holy Trinity Church Hall.

The event at Vicarage Road also includes light refreshments and a talk by Mike Perkins about his family trip to Christchurch, New Zealand. He will be showing slides taken on his week-long tour around the South Island. Admission £2.

Road to shut for water work

A STOURBRIDGE road will be shut for three days in the run-up to Christmas. Cecil Street will be closed from December 19-21 for Severn Trent Water to install new equipment. A signed diversion route will be in place and the one-way order suspended so residents can gain access.

Just the ticket – walk follows the bus route

Charity walkers gather to raise cash for two-year-old Louie Pumphrey including his mother Leanne with Louise, three, Max, five and organiser Dan Meanock

FAMILY and friends of a Black Country youngster with cerebral palsy gathered for a charity walk to help raise the cash needed to buy him a new £20,000 wheelchair.

A group of around 30 gathered for the eight-mile stroll from Stourbridge to Dudley in support of two-year-old Louie Pumphrey, from Penn, Wolverhampton.

The challenge was to walk from Stourbridge Bus Station and follow the route of the 246 bus to its terminus at Dudley Bus Station. The route took the walkers through Amblecote, Brierley Hill and Russells Hall before reaching Dudley town centre. Some of the group carried buckets to collect extra funds and National Express West Midlands put on a special bus to pick up latecomers on the way.

Bus drivers from the area also took part in the walk which was organised by 24-year-old Daniel Meanock. Mr Meanock's cousin is Leanne Pumphrey, Louie's mother.

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Home closure plan now placed on hold

CONTROVERSIAL plans to close a Kingswinford care home have been put on hold after council chiefs pledged a rethink on the scheme.

Dudley Council leader Les Jones told the full council that the surprise move to review the decision, was the "right thing to do".

New Bradley Hall is due to shut in March 2013. Campaigners welcomed Councillor Jones' decision.

The announcement on November 28 came after protesters won the right for a special debate over the plans after collecting more than 5,000 signatures in opposition to proposals which were originally given the go-ahead by the council's cabinet in September.

Councillor Jones told the meeting after a speech by one of the leading campaigners, Mac Scott MBE, that he was calling for another report to be presented to cabinet detailing how the new consultation would work.

Speaking after the meeting campaigner Mr Scott, whose 94-year-old mother-in-law Irene Claridge lives at New Bradley Hall, said: "I credit Les Jones that he is willing to defer the decision for further discussion."

Sylvia Heathcock from Kingswinford whose 95-year-old mother Alice is a resident at the home said: "I think it is really positive, it gives us some hope."

Howzat for those Christmas ideas?

SCORES of Christmas gift ideas are on offer at Stourbridge Cricket Club's Christmas Fair.

The event takes place tomorrow (December 9) in the club pavilion at The War Memorial Ground in Amblecote on from 7pm onwards.

Stalls include soaps and bath products, jewellery, flowers, gifts, cards and table decorations. Entry is £1 to include coffee and a mince pie.

Proceeds will go to establishing a junior girls section.

Why teenager Laura is a hero to youngsters with problems

Laura-Jade McCutcheon is flanked by Neil Fox and Arlene Phillips

INSPIRING Stourbridge teenager Laura-Jade McCutcheon has won a magazine award.

She took the West Midlands regional prize in the 4Children and Take a Break Magazine UK Family Heroes Awards 2011.

Laura-Jade, aged 17, helps children and young people whose families are coping with the problems of drug or alcohol addiction. She has been a volunteer for two years with the Time for Me project, finding ways to help boost self-esteem and confidence.

She is also a role model with whom children aged eight to 13 can share their worries and concerns.

Laura-Jade spends two evenings a week at the project during term time, and also helps with residential holidays, outings, trips and activities.

She helps youngsters how to cook meals on a budget, stay safe and learn what to do in an emergency. Many of those she has helped also want to volunteer when old enough.

Laura-Jade received her award at a ceremony in London opened by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, Iain Duncan Smith MP, and hosted by choreographer and TV dance judge Arlene Phillips and Magic FM DJ Neil Fox.

Better

The awards celebrate the achievements of selfless people who go that extra mile to make life better for others.

Laura-Jade said: "I am so honoured. I don't class my volunteering as something special – it is just part of my normal life and routine.

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Plea for change on scrap

POLICE chiefs are urging the Government to outlaw cash sales of scrap metal in a bid to stem the wave of thefts in the Black Country.

The move came after 7,490 metal theft crimes were reported in the West Midlands this year which is a near 10 per cent increase on the previous 12 months.

War memorials, pensioners' homes, churches, schools manhole covers and even temporary traffic lights have been targeted.

Some 1,019 metal thefts were reported in the borough of Walsall over the past 12 months while such crime costs the country's railways at least £1.5million a year.

Wolverhampton representative Councillor Jones told the region's Police Authority: "Not only is this imposing a significant financial burden on local businesses, religions, voluntary and statutory organisations but some of the damage to our infrastructure is putting people at risk."

The authority will write to the Prime Minister and Home Secretary urging cash sales of scrap to be replaced by other payment methods.

Healthy tribute to town college

STOURBRIDGE College has been recognised as a healthy further education college. It means that the educational establishment is offering healthy options for staff and students.

The college is one of 48 to gain the status, and as part of its health education programme, it is currently working on health guides.

Say halo to day of the doughnuts

Organiser Matt Priddy at Old Swinford Hospital sold doughnuts to raise cash

STAFF and students at a Stourbridge school have been tucking in to tasty treats while raising money for a good cause.

Members of Old Swinford Hospital School's interact group organised a massive sale of Krispy Kreme doughnuts for their charity fundraiser.

More than 2,600 original glazed doughnuts were ordered especially for the occasion.

All profits from the event will go towards the Movember charity, which aims to raise funds and awareness for men's health, specifically, prostate and other cancers.

Men have been sprouting moustaches throughout November and getting sponsorship for their efforts.

School spokesman Tom Leighton declared: "The doughnut sale has gone really well."

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Top Banana's work is now bearing fruit

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The event specialists, based in Broome, are on target to top £750,000 of new business this year. They have taken on five new members of staff and secured contracts with such global names as Bombay Sapphire gin and Danone Baby Nutrition to organise leadership and management conferences.

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The company has won an award from Conference and Incentive Travel Magazine for its work with Bombay Sapphire.

Chief constable in row over closures

THE chief constable of the West Midlands found himself in the middle of a row over plans to shut police stations overnight.

The region's police authority attacked the way the public had been consulted.

Protest petitions with a total of nearly 4,000 signatures urging a rethink were handed to a meeting in Birmingham on December 1. The force wants to shut 12 stations – including Stourbridge, Dudley and Halesowen – from 6-10pm and redeploy staff to contact centres or front line duties. The move follows Government cuts.

Chief Constable Chris Sims said this "tremendous response" showed the process was not flawed.

But Wolverhampton councillor Bob Jones, the police authority's finance chief, responded: "I find it difficult to understand how mass petitions and an outcry that the consultation has been totally inadequate can be used as evidence that the process is working."

Consultation has been extended from December 31 to January 15.

Try the Bully burger

WOLVES legend Steve Bull has been honoured by a butcher after staff decided to name a new burger after him.

The footballer was invited to the official launch of Meat King at Stourbridge's Ryemarket Shopping Centre – and sampled the burgers named after him.

He was joined by Ray Egan, a friend of store owner Tony Mallett, who dressed as character John Bull for the launch event on December 2.

Bully Burgers are the brainchild of Mr Mallett, aged 52, who has years of experience trading at meat markets. Bull enjoyed his taste of the burger – and also left with some prime fillet steak.

Steve Bull with Meat King owner Tony Mallett and Ray Egan, dressed as John Bull, at the opening of a new butchers shop

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Homes scheme for former brickworks

A FORMER brickworks in South Staffordshire is set to be demolished and replaced with a craft village and 140 homes.

The plan will transform the old Baggeridge Brickworks site, in Gospel End.

Homes will be built while 12 buildings will be offered to craft workers to run shops. A nursing home is to be built and neighbouring Baggeridge Country Park extended.

Part of the site will also be landscaped for community use. If approved, it will be the end of the site's link with brickmaking which goes back to the 1930s.

The site was once part of the Earl of Dudley's Baggeridge Colliery where bricks were made as a sideline to mining operations. It proved such a success that Baggeridge Brick was formed as a separate company in 1944.

The company was taken over by Austrian firm Weinerberger in 2008.

Storage

Bosses have submitted plans in partnership with David Wilson Homes.

Agents for David Wilson said the site had not been used for brickmaking for some time and is presently a storage site. Previous attempts to sell the site for industrial use have failed, leading to the new scheme.

Both firms will retain ownership of the craft village as an investment, with buildings leased.

Four buildings on the site are to be retained, including the brickworks' landmark chimney. Two other buildings used by a model railway group and ambulance service will be kept.

South Staffordshire Council is expected to discuss the scheme next March. If approved, work will begin late next year.

Burglars get £5,500 motorbike

BURGLARS raided a house in Hagley and escaped with a £5,500 high-performance motorbike.

The Yamaha R1's keys were found in the break-in and the raiders took the bike from the garage along with a £500 crash helmet.

It happened between midnight and 6.50am on November 30 on Bromsgrove Road.

Dc Adam Pugh of Bromsgrove CID said: "It is clear the thieves specifically targeted this motorcycle as they moved a car out of the way to get it out of the garage. We are eager to hear from anyone who saw or heard any suspicious activity in the area.

"We believe the Yamaha was pushed some distance from the house and then ridden away from the scene so we would like to hear from anyone living around there who might have been disturbed by a bike being started up."

Witnesses or anyone with information should contact Dc Pugh on 0300 333 3000.

Award is on the menu

Catering manager Diane Griffiths with the award

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Firefighters in £50,000 bid to save station

A CAMPAIGN to raise a £50,000 fighting fund is being launched in a bid to overturn plans to close a Black Country fire station and axe a 24-hour crew.

Firefighters have decided to forge ahead with a legal bid to overturn the decision to shut Halesowen fire station and axe the 24-hour crew which serves the town and nearby Cradley Heath. The station is due to close on March 31.

An action group has backed plans to pursue a judicial review – and now faces a battle to raise £50,000 to cover legal costs.

Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris is working with the Halesowen and Cradley Heath Fire Station Action Group, including local business and community leaders, who have taken preliminary legal advice.

Mr Morris said a public appeal would be held to help raise the total. Plans are now being drawn up for fundraising events.

Angry

A meeting will be held with a barrister to discuss the judicial review.

Mr Morris said: "The action group is extremely angry and determined not to let the issue rest.

"There will be a public appeal and we will be looking for contributions from local businesses as this is a vital part of the community that will be lost."

West Midlands Fire Authority voted to go ahead with its plans last week despite protests from residents.

Fire bosses are also considering whether to build a new fire station and say they plan to consult with residents. Halesowen firefighters have branded the move a "dark day for the public of Halesowen".

Night of festive music

A CHRISTMAS cracker of a concert takes place in Norton, Stourbridge on Saturday (December 10).

Stourbridge Choral and Orchestral Society will perform at St Michael's church, Maynard Avenue (7.30pm). It will play selections from the Nutcracker suite and Christmas music by Leroy Anderson and Jule Styne.

The choir will sing John Rutter's "When Icicles Hang" and selections from Messiah, plus carols.

Tickets are available from Music Matters, 9 Market Street (01384 373111) or on the door, costing £8, £7 for concessions and carers, and £2.50 for students; children under-12 go free. Part of the ticket money goes to the Philip Bates Trust which furthers the education of young people in the arts.

The orchestra is looking for players, especially brass and strings – no audition, but grade five minimum. The choir would welcome singers. Details: www.stourcos.org.uk or call 01384 373111.

Keeper's market dash tickles the tastebuds

Dudley Zoo keeper Kirsty Thornton with a saki monkey and a much-prized corn on the cob, part of leftovers donated by town market stall holders

A DEDICATED keeper at Dudley Zoo uses her lunch-break to dash around the nearby market and pick up tasty treats for the animals in her care.

Kirsty Thornton's actions help provide the Castle Hill attraction's primates and porcupines with a varied diet.

Juicy treats are now put aside for the animals by stall holders on Dudley Market and Dudley Council workers responsible for tidying up the area.

Their generosity means the animals get such treats as grapes, sweetcorn, parsnips, plums and strawberries. Kirsty said: "Most days I leave a few minutes spare in my lunch break and then make a mad dash to the market.

"Some of the stall holders have fruit and vegetables in boxes and the council's employees also look for tasty left-over food and keep it in their storeroom.

"There are some lovely treats. The orang-utans, howler monkeys and capuchins regularly enjoy titbits. The crested porcupines also eat some of the vegetables."

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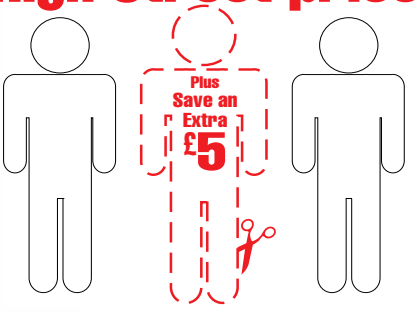

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Wollaston folk singer Kim Lowings

WOLLASTON folk singer Kim Lowings has five West Midlands dates lined up over the next two months.

Lowings works with traditional folk music, particularly from the British Isles, and interweaves them with her own original songs.

She writes much of her music on a mountain dulcimer, which comes from the Appalachian mountains of America.

Her songs are developed with a close group of musical friends and family who often accompany her at gigs.

Her songs tell stories inspired by the beauty and power of nature, and the drama and passion of human relationships.

Dates: December 15, The Crown, Birmingham; 28, The Tower of Song, Birmingham; January 2, The Bridges, Bishops Castle; 21, The Newhampton, Wolverhampton; 28, The Maverick, Stourbridge.

Concert's icy blast helps put Polar in the picture

A UNIQUE concert which sets classical music to striking footage from the Arctic and Antarctic is coming to Birmingham later this month.

Polar combines high definition footage from some of the world's most renowned natural history filmmakers with a performance from the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. The two concerts, which take place at 2.30pm and 7.30pm on Wednesday, December 21 at Birmingham Symphony Hall, will include previously unseen material from the North and South Poles.

Conductor John Harle will lead the orchestra – sitting in front of a giant 32ft wide screen – as it performs a score of original work and arrangements from composers such as Mozart, Stravinsky and Tchaikovsky.

Mr Harle called Polar an ode to two mysterious and monumental regions of the world that would move audiences with its stunning imagery and music.

Polar director Andrew Glester said: "The films used in Polar capture the dazzling beauty of these remote and fragile places and you can't fail to be mesmerised as you take in this epic experience."

Tickets for Polar range from £9.50 to £32.50 for the afternoon and £12.50 to £39.50 for the evening.

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It's a Grand line-up with laughter and lots of music

Comedian Paul Merton will host special night

Joe Pasquale will star in comedy show

Des O'Connor brings songs and laughter

DES O'Connor, Derren Brown, Joe Pasquale, and Robert Powell will be among the big names coming to Wolverhampton in the new year as theatre bosses reveal a star-studded line-up to their new spring programme.

The Grand Theatre, in Lichfield Street, will also welcome other heavyweight names of theatre, comedy and entertainment including Paul Merton, Jim Davidson, The Chuckle Brothers and former Pop Idol runner-up Gareth Gates.

Controversial comic Jim Davidson will bring his The Legend tour to Wolverhampton on March 18 followed by Birds of a Feather live on March 19-24.

The latter will see enduring comedy trio Pauline Quirke, Linda Robson and Lesley Joseph reunited for a six-night, seven-show run of their new show, which has been created especially for the theatre.

The Chuckle Brothers, Barry and Paul, will showcase their time-travelling adventure Pirates of the River Rother on April 7 and 8, before Des O'Connor hosts a night of music and comedy on April 22.

TV illusionist Derren Brown will round off the month when he brings his Svengali tour from April 30 to May 5.

Magic, suggestion, psychology and mis-direction are promised during a performance, which is deemed not suitable for children under 12 years old.

Glamour

Have I Got News For You favourite Paul Merton will host a night of music and magic on May 6 when his Out of My Head tour arrives in Wolverhampton for one night only.

The classic musical Chicago will bring the glamour of the West End to the Black Country from May 14-19.

Former Hollyoaks and The Bill favourite Ali Bastian will take the famous role of Roxie Hart, while EastEnders star Stefan Booth, who plays Greg Jessop, will play Billy Flynn.

Tupele Dorgu, best known for playing Coronation Street's Kelly Crabtree, will take up the role of Velma Kelly, while Bernie Nolan will appear as matron 'Mama' Morton.

The American rock musical Hair will see Gareth Gates perform alongside fellow Pop Idol star Zoe Birkett in a newly-announced show, which will run from June 5 to 9.

Dynasty and Bad Girls star Kate O'Mara will then take up the lead role in Agatha Christie's Murder on the Nile from May 21-26.

She will appear alongside TVs Denis Lill, whose CV includes stints on The Royal and Doctor Who, Footballers' Wives star Chloe Newsome, former Soldier Soldier star Ben Nealon and 60s pop icon Mark Wynter.

Joe Pasquale and Robert Powell will help round off a busy spring as the stars of medical comedy Doctor in the House, which will run from June 11 to 16.

Iain Watkins, marketing manager at the Grand Theatre, said: "There's a very exciting year ahead of us at the Grand, with the best in top musicals, drama and comedy and a host of performers ranging from Derren Brown to Des O'Connor. With tickets for next year's panto about to go on sale alongside this year's Snow White, we're definitely feeling very festive at the Grand."

Festive

The Grand has also confirmed next year's Christmas pantomime will be Jack and The Beanstalk which will run from December 8, 2012 until January 20, 2013.

This year's festive panto Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs stars Linda Lusardi, Sam Kane, Nikki Evans and The Grumbleweeds.

The show will run from December 10-January 22 and ticket prices range from £15.50-£25.50.

To book tickets for any of the above shows call 01902 429212.

A month of burlesque and glee

THERE is a mix of entertainment this month at the Newhampton Arts Centre in Wolverhampton.

It starts with Embraced Burlesque on Saturday which offers a unique cabaret style showcase of burlesque, live music and comedy.

Organisers say there will be the best value bar in town, free table service and an environment like nothing you will find in the city.

Tickets on the door at £8 and the doors open 8.30pm.

On December 16 Dakota Beats presents The Rumour, The Pargeters, Getaway Club and Embassy. Doors open at 7.30pm and tickets cost £5.

On December 19 and 20 at 7pm you can have yourself a gleeful little Christmas with Grand Ambition's Christmas Cabaret.

Clicking

Packed full of Christmas classics and new Glee-inspired numbers, join Wolverhampton Grand Theatre's talented youth choir for a glittering evening of festive entertainment. Tickets cost £5.

If you are clicking your heels on the 22nd then get down to see the Zip Theatre's production of The Wizard of Oz.

Get whisked away with Dorothy and Toto on a whirlwind adventure full of fun, laughter, magic and music this Christmas!

It's a traditional treat for all the family and is the company's 31st annual pantomime.

Tickets are priced at: adults, £6.50; children and concessions, £4; family of four: £18. It starts at 2.20pm

The following days you can let your hair down at the All Skas Christmas Party with the ultimate tribute to 2tone+jamaican ska.

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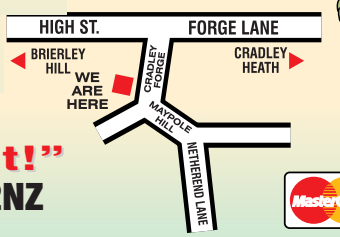

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6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Home Cooking Made Easy. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Live Snooker: UK Championship. The opening session of the second semi-final. **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.35** My Family. (R)

6.30 Strictly Come Dancing. The five remaining couples compete for a place in next week's final.

8.15 Merlin. Morgana and a powerful warlord plot to take over Camelot and with Arthur preoccupied with a visiting princess, it is left to the returning Gwen to raise the alarm.

9.00 Casualty. Part two of two. Dylan and Zoe are trapped in resus while the fire rages, and Jay confronts Ruth in her office, oblivious to the chaos below. Starring Georgia Taylor. The series returns on January 7.

9.50 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. Myleene Klass announces the all-important numbers.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.20 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Manchester United v Wolverhampton Wanderers; National Lottery Update.

11.45 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

1.05 Weatherview. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** The Sky at Night. (R) **12.20** Coast. (R) **12.25** Astaire and Rogers Sing George and Ira Gershwin. **12.35** Film: A Damsel in Distress. (1937) **2.15** Film: Stage Door. (1937) **3.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. **4.30** Live Snooker: UK Championship. The opening session of the second semi-final. **5.30** One Man and His Dog.

6.30 Flog It! Anita Manning and Mark Stacey offer advice in Luton, while Paul Martin visits a local milliner working in the traditional hat industry. (R)

7.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship. Hazel Irvine introduces coverage of the concluding session of the second semi-final at the Barbican Centre in York, where the first player to win nine frames will progress. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

10.00 QI XL. With Ross Noble, Dara O Briain and Jeremy Clarkson. (R)

10.45 FILM: In the Valley of Elah. (2007) Premiere. Drama, starring Tommy Lee Jones.

12.25 Film: Heist. (2001) A thief is blackmailed into pulling off a robbery, and also suspects his wife is planning to leave him. Thriller, starring Gene Hackman. **2.10** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** Coronation Street. **11.45** This Morning: Saturday. **12.45** ITV News; Weather. **12.55** Film: Thunderbirds. (2004) Sci-fi adventure, starring Bill Paxton. **2.35** Film: The Mummy Returns. (2001) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Brendan Fraser. **5.00** Regional Programmes. **5.15** ITV News; Weather. **5.30** You've Been Framed! (R)

6.00 The Chase. With Joe Pasquale, Janet Street-Porter, Mark Durden-Smith and Austin Healey. Last in the series.

7.00 This Is Justin Bieber. The pop star performs his hits and meets Chelsea FC stars.

8.00 The X Factor Final. The three remaining acts get ready for their most important performances yet as they arrive at Wembley Arena for the first part of the live final. Dermot O'Leary presents.

10.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Peter Andre. Last in the series.

11.00 ITV News; Weather.

11.15 FILM: Nutty Professor II: The Klumps. (2000) Comedy sequel, starring Eddie Murphy.

1.10 The Zone. Interactive shopping and gaming; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** Kojak. (R) **3.55** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Sailing. (R) **7.25** Offshore Academy. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.50** T4: Smallville. (R) **9.55** T4: The Crush. **10.25** T4: Example: Backstage. **11.00** T4: Real Stories: Eminem. **12.00** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.35** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.05** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.40** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.55** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.25 Channel 4 News.

6.55 4thought.tv. Michael Bray discusses his experience of being homeless.

7.00 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas. Festive two-parter in which Kirstie Allsopp holds a crafty Christmas. (R)

8.00 Tony Robinson's Gods and Monsters. The presenter turns his attention to disease.

9.00 FILM: Vicky Cristina Barcelona. (2008) Premiere. Comedy, starring Scarlett Johansson and Rebecca Hall.

11.00 FILM: Double Jeopardy. (1999) Thriller, starring Ashley Judd.

1.00 Film: Unmade Beds. (2009) **2.40** Shameless USA. **4.30** St Elsewhere. (R) **5.15** River Cottage Bites. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.20** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.20** Highland Emergency. (R) **11.50** Film: A Boyfriend for Christmas. (2004) **1.40** Film: All I Want for Christmas. (2007) Drama, starring Gail O'Grady. **3.25** Film: The Christmas Gift. (2009) Premiere. Festive drama, starring Dean Cain. **5.10** Film: Single Santa Seeks Mrs Claus. (2004) Comedy, starring Crystal Bernard.

6.55 5 News Weekend.

7.00 NCIS. Three similar execution-style killings take place, and the agents suspect the wife of one of the victims – but, unfortunately for them, she has an alibi. Starring Michael Weatherly. (R)

8.00 NCIS. Gibbs's former commanding officer is accused of murder. (R)

9.00 Tommy Cooper's Christmas. A seasonal special from the archives, featuring mirth and magic, plus guest appearances by Sacha Distel and Clodagh Rodgers, who sing a medley of festive favourites. (R)

10.05 The Morecambe and Wise Christmas Show. Festive special from 1981. (R)

11.10 Sex, Drugs and Rock 'n' Roll: The 60s Revealed. Stars of the 1960s reflect on the past 40 years. (R)

12.10 SuperCasino. **3.55** Great Artists. (R) **4.20** Divine Designs. (R) **4.45** Rough Guide to Journeys. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2
7.00 The Planet's Funniest Animals **7.30** Grimefighters **8.00** The World's Best Diet **9.00** Grimefighters **10.00** The Xtra Factor **11.15** Film: Hot Fuzz (2007) Action comedy, starring Simon Pegg.

ITV3
1.50 Sherlock Holmes: The Last Vampyre **4.05** Film: Agatha Christie's Murder with Mirrors (1985) **6.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Murder in Suburbia

ITV4
1.00 Live Darts. The PDC Players Championship Finals. **5.00** 20 Managerial Appointments That Shook the World **6.00** Barcelona's Greatest Goals **7.00** Live Darts. The PDC Players Championship Finals. **11.00** Richard Bacon's Beer and Pizza Club **11.45** Film: Catch-22 (1970)

BBC THREE
7.00 The Real Hustle on Holiday **7.15** Great TV Mistakes **8.15** Top Gear **9.15** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **10.00** Film: Meet the Fockers (2004) **11.55** Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 The Himalayas **8.00** Dinosaurs, Myths and Monsters **9.00** The Killing II **11.00** The Slap **11.55** Iron Ladies of Liberia

E4
3.45 Film: Deck the Halls (2006) **5.35** Desperate Scousewives **6.35** Perfect Couples **7.05** The Big Bang Theory **8.05** Happy Endings **8.30** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** The Big Bang Theory **10.00** Film: Shooter (2007)

FILM4
2.40 Shane (1953) Western, starring Alan Ladd. **4.55** Singin' in the Rain (1952) Musical comedy, starring Gene Kelly. **6.55** Ponyo (2008) Premiere. Animated fantasy, with the voice of Noah Lindsey Cyrus. **9.00** X-Men Origins: Wolverine (2009) **11.05** White Noise (2004)

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Sunday TV

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Fern Britton Meets Russell Watson. **11.00** Country Tracks; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** The Politics Show. **1.00** EastEnders. **2.55** The Impressions Show with Culshaw and Stephenson. (R) **3.25** A Question of Sport. (R) **3.55** Frozen Planet. (R) **4.55** Songs of Praise. **5.30** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.55** Countryfile.

6.55 Strictly Come Dancing. The semi-final result is announced.

7.30 Antiques Roadshow. More items from Layer Marney Tower, near Colchester in Essex, including the first-aid box used on Ernest Shackleton's 1914 Antarctic expedition.

8.30 Inspector George Gently. Bacchus and Gently investigate the murder of a woman linked to a consignment of stolen passports, taking them into the underground world of gang wars within the Arab community. (R)

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Stoke City v Tottenham Hotspur.

11.30 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. Extended edition, with guest host Miranda Hart. (R)

12.05 Weatherview. **12.15** Sign Zone: Film 2011 with Claudia Winkleman. Reviews of Another Earth and New Year's Eve. (R) **12.55** Holby City. Hanssen tries to manipulate Sahira. (R) **1.55** Bible's Buried Secrets. (R) **2.55** You've Been Scammed. (R) **3.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. Presented by Tim Lovejoy and Louise Redknapp. **11.30** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. A selection of sugar-rich sweets and desserts. **12.15** Coast. (R) **12.30** Live Athletics. **2.15** Live Snooker: UK Championship.

6.00 Flog It! Paul Martin visits Sheffield to meet people eager to make a profit selling their valuables, and looks around Cutlers Hall to learn more about knife-makers' marks. (R)

7.00 The Party's Over: How the West Went Bust. Conclusion. Britain's future in the global economy.

8.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship. Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the concluding session of the final at the Barbican Centre in York, where the players need to reach 10 frames to be crowned champion. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

11.00 Rev. Richard E Grant guest stars. (R)

11.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. With guest host Cilla Black. (R)

12.00 Film: Full Frontal. (2002) Comedy drama, starring David Duchovny and Julia Roberts. **1.40** BBC News. **3.35** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** Monk. (R) **9.30** Horrid Henry. (R) **9.40** Film: Clifford's Really Big Movie. (2005) Animated adventure, with the voice of John Ritter. **11.00** Film: Black Beauty. (1994) Family drama, starring Sean Bean. **12.35** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** You've Been Framed! (R) **1.10** You've Been Framed! (R) **1.40** The X Factor Final. (R) **3.40** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.40** The Unforgettable Larry Grayson. (R)

6.05 Regional Programmes.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 The Cube. A martial arts expert and a forklift truck driver take part.

7.30 The X Factor Final Results. The two remaining acts compete for the X Factor crown live, before Dermot O'Leary reveals this year's champion. Plus, performances by more chart-topping stars. Last in the series.

9.30 Text Santa: The Launch. Part one of two. Fundraising initiative, hosted by Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 FILM: GoldenEye. (1995) Spy adventure, starring Pierce Brosnan.

1.10 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** Motorsport UK. **2.50** Kojak. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 Sali Mali. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** Triathlon. (R) **7.30** Adidas Terrex Coast to Coast. (R) **8.00** T4: One Tree Hill. (R) **8.55** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.30** T4: Shipwrecked: The Island. **1.30** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** T4: T4 Stars of 2011. **4.20** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **4.50** Deal or No Deal. **5.45** Film: Elf. (2003) Fantasy comedy, with Will Ferrell.

7.35 Channel 4 News.

8.05 The Political Slot.

8.10 4thought.tv.

8.15 Japan Tsunami: Caught on Camera. Amateur footage and eyewitness accounts of the disaster.

9.30 Black Mirror: 15 Million Merits. Dark satire set in a future reality where the only escape from a lifetime of physical drudgery is through a talent show. Starring Daniel Kaluuya and Rupert Everett.

10.50 British Comedy Awards: The Nominations Show. Announcing the shortlists for this year's ceremony.

12.00 Rhod Gilbert & the Cat That Looked Like Nicholas Lyndhurst. (R) **1.00** American Football Live. Dallas Cowboys v New York Giants (Kick-off 1.20am). **4.45** Freesports on 4. (R) **5.15** Post Modern Pastimes. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** The Milkshake! Show. **7.30** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. **8.50** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **10.00** Inside Hollywood. **10.15** Andre Rieu Live in Dublin. (R) **11.15** Ultimate Emergency Bikers. (R) **12.15** Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads. (R) **1.15** Charley Boorman's Extreme Frontiers. (R) **2.15** Film: A Christmas Visitor. (2002) Drama, starring Reagan Pasternak. **4.00** Film: Christmas with the Kranks. (2004) Festive comedy, starring Jamie Lee Curtis and Tim Allen. **5.50** 5 News Weekend. **5.55** Film: Wyatt Earp. (1994) Western, starring Kevin Costner.

9.30 FILM: Superbad. (2007) Teen comedy, with Jonah Hill and Michael Cera.

11.50 FILM: South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut. (1999) Animated musical comedy, with the voices of Trey Parker and Matt Stone.

1.25 SuperCasino. **4.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **4.15** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.40** Divine Designs. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
3.40 The Xtra Factor **5.00** Peter Andre: My Life **6.00** Holiday Showdown **7.00** Four of a Kind **8.00** The World's Best Diet **9.00** Grimefighters **9.30** The Xtra Factor **10.45** The Amy Winehouse Story **11.45** Perez Hilton Superfan: Lady Gaga

ITV3
2.35 Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of Four **4.45** The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes **5.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Lewis **11.05** Hornblower

ITV4
1.00 Live Darts. The PDC Players Championship Finals. **5.00** 20 Football Games That Shook the World **6.00** 20 Football Transfers That Shocked the World **7.00** Live Darts. The PDC Players Championship Finals. **11.00** Film: The Long Kiss Goodnight (1996)

BBC THREE
7.00 The Nearlyweds **8.00** The World's Strictest Parents **9.00** Gavin & Stacey **10.00** American Dad! **10.45** Family Guy **11.30** Him & Her

BBC FOUR
7.00 Churches: How to Read Them **7.30** Rosslyn Chapel: A Treasure in Stone **8.30** African Railway **9.30** Scrapheap Orchestra **11.00** Treasures of Chinese Porcelain

E4
3.00 Make It or Break It **4.55** Sorority Girls **6.00** Scrubs **7.00** Film: Scrooged (1988) **9.00** Rude Tube: Mashed 'n' Mixed. A countdown of 50 internet video mash-ups. **10.00** Misfits **11.05** Tool Academy

FILM4
3.00 Brief Encounter (1945) Romantic drama, with Celia Johnson and Trevor Howard. **4.40** Princess Mononoke (1997) Animated fantasy adventure, with the voice of Yoji Matsuda. **7.20** Bride Wars (2008) **9.00** Knowing (2009) Mystery thriller, starring Nicolas Cage. **11.20** White Noise: The Light (2006)

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Monday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Rip Off Britain. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Noise Squad. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.40** Doctors. **2.10** Only Fools and Horses. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Inside Out; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** How to Survive the Meltdown – Panorama. **9.00** Young Apprentice. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** A Question of Sport. **11.05** Outnumbered – The Christmas Special. (R) **11.45** The Graham Norton Show. (R) **12.35** Weatherview. **12.40** Sign Zone: Who Do You Think You Are? (R) **1.40** World's Most Dangerous Roads. (R) **2.40** MasterChef: The Professionals. (R) **3.10** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.25** CBeebies. **11.35** The Pink Panther Show. (R) **12.00** Daily Politics. **12.30** GMT with George Alagiah. **1.00** Coast. (R) **1.15** Trash to Cash. **2.15** Weakest Link. **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.15** Coast. (R) **6.00** Celebrity Eggheads. **6.30** Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two. **7.00** This World: Return of the Lost Boys of Sudan. **8.00** University Challenge. **8.30** MasterChef: The Professionals. **9.00** I Had the X Factor...25 Years Ago: A Wonderland Special. **10.00** Never Mind the Buzzcocks. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Mark Zuckerberg: Inside Facebook. (R) **12.20** BBC News.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** May the Best House Win. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **5.00** Best Dish: The Chefs. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** Countrywise Kitchen: Stocking the Winter Larder. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** The Real Thumbelina. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Film: We Own the Night. (2007) Premiere. Crime drama, starring Joaquin Phoenix. **12.40** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.40** Champions League Weekly. **3.10** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Undercover Boss Australia. **9.55** Beeny's Restoration Nightmare. (R) **10.55** Heston's Christmas Feast. (R) **12.00** Drop Down Menu. **1.00** Film: Cocoon: The Return. (1988) **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Christmas Coach Trip. **5.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** River Cottage Christmas. **9.00** Jimmy's Grow Your Own Christmas Dinner. **10.00** Chris Moyles' Quiz Night. **10.50** 8 Out of 10 Cats: Best Bits. **11.40** Random Acts. **11.45** My Transsexual Summer. (R) **12.45** Little Noise Sessions. **1.15** Film: Room and a Half. (2009) Premiere. Biopic of poet Joseph Brodsky, starring Grigoriy Dityatkovskiy. **3.30** We Need to Talk About Dad. (R) **4.25** St Elsewhere. (R) **5.15** Stephen Hawking's Universe. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Law & Order. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: NY. (R) **3.10** Film: Snowman's Pass. (2004) Action adventure, starring Nicole Eggert. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** How Do They Do It?; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** The Gadget Show; 5 News at 9. **9.00** Charley Boorman's Extreme Frontiers. **10.00** Film: Hard Luck. (2006) Thriller, starring Wesley Snipes. **11.55** The World of Stupid Criminals. **12.25** Impossible? **1.20** SuperCasino. **3.55** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **4.10** Grey's Anatomy. **4.55** Rough Guide to Bang for Your Buck. (R) **5.10** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **5.35** HouseBusters. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Rip Off Britain. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Noise Squad. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Only Fools and Horses. **2.45** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. (R) **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Holby City. **9.00** Death in Paradise. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather.; National Lottery Update. **10.35** Imagine: Books – The Last Chapter? **11.40** Film: Heavenly Creatures. (1994) Fact-based drama, starring Kate Winslet. **1.15** Weatherview. **1.20** Sign Zone: Frozen Planet. (R) **2.20** The Story of Ireland. (R) **3.20** MasterChef: The Professionals. (R) **4.20** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.25** CBeebies. **11.35** The Pink Panther Show. (R) **12.00** Daily Politics. **12.30** GMT with George Alagiah. **1.00** Coast. (R) **1.15** Trash to Cash. **2.15** Weakest Link. (R) **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.15** Coast. (R) **6.00** Celebrity Eggheads. **6.30** Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two. **7.00** Victorian Farm Christmas. (R) **8.00** MasterChef: The Professionals. **9.00** Money. **10.00** Life's Too Short. (R) **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Leonardo. (R) **12.20** The Company. (R) **1.55** BBC News. **4.20** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** May the Best House Win. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **5.00** Best Dish: The Chefs. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** The Adventurer's Guide to Britain. **8.00** High Stakes. Big-money game show, hosted by Jeremy Kyle. Last in the series. **9.00** My Child's Not Perfect. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Film: Rumor Has It. (2005) Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Aniston and Kevin Costner. **12.20** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.55** Kojak. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Undercover Boss Australia. **9.55** Kirstie and Phil's Perfect Christmas. (R) **10.55** Christmas at River Cottage. (R) **12.00** Drop Down Menu. **1.00** Film: Local Hero. (1983) Comedy drama, starring Peter Riegert. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Christmas Coach Trip. **5.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** The Food Hospital. A 47-year-old man receives shocking news about his health. **9.00** My Big Fat Gypsy Christmas. The yuletide season, traveller-style. **10.00** This Is England '88. **11.10** Random Acts. **11.15** The Joy of Teen Sex. **12.15** UK & Ireland Poker Tour. **1.15** Sailing. **1.40** Offshore Academy. (R) **2.10** Beach Volleyball. **3.00** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **3.30** Bienheim Triathlon. (R) **3.55** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. (R) **4.20** Scrapheap Challenge. (R) **5.15** Stephen Hawking's Universe. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Law & Order. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: Miami. (R) **3.10** Film: Noel. (2004) Drama, starring Susan Sarandon. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** How to Take Stunning Pictures; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** London: The Inside Story. The inner workings of Westminster Council. Last in the series; 5 News at 9. **9.00** CSI: Miami. A businessman gets caught up in a murderous game. **10.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **11.00** CSI: Miami. (R) **11.55** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **1.00** SuperCasino. **3.50** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **4.05** The Gadget Show. (R) **4.55** County Secrets. (R)

Wednesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Rip Off Britain. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Noise Squad. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Only Fools and Horses. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** That's Britain!; BBC News: Regional News. **8.30** The Impressions Show with Culshaw and Stephenson. **9.00** Motorway Cops. (R) **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. **10.45** Would I Lie to You? (R) **11.15** Film 2011 with Claudia Winkleman; National Lottery Update. **11.55** Film: Westworld. (1973) Sci-fi thriller, starring Yul Brynner and Richard Benjamin. **1.20** Weatherview. **1.25** Sign Zone: See Hear. (R) **1.55** Country Tracks. (R) **2.55** MasterChef: The Professionals. (R) **3.55** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.25** CBeebies. **11.30** Daily Politics. **1.00** See Hear. **1.30** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.15** Weakest Link. **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.15** Coast. (R) **6.00** Celebrity Eggheads. **6.30** Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two. **7.00** Victorian Farm Christmas. (R) **8.00** MasterChef: The Professionals. The three finalists face their penultimate challenge. **9.00** Steve Jobs: Billion Dollar Hippy. The history of Steve Jobs' time in control at Apple. **10.00** Class Dismissed. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Leonardo. (R) **12.20** The Company. (R) **1.55** BBC News. **3.55** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** May the Best House Win. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **5.00** Best Dish: The Chefs. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** The Royal Variety Performance 2011. Peter Kay hosts the event at the Lowry in Salford Quays. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Film: American Dreamz. (2006) Satirical comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Dennis Quaid. **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** Film: The Jerk. (1979) Comedy, with Steve Martin. **4.10** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Undercover Boss Australia. **9.55** Kirstie and Phil's Perfect Christmas. (R) **10.55** River Cottage Christmas Fayre. (R) **12.00** Drop Down Menu. **12.50** Film: Great Expectations. (1946) Drama, starring John Mills. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Christmas Coach Trip. **5.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** A SuperScrimpers Christmas. Tips on having a frugal but fun festive holiday. **9.00** Jamie's Christmas with Bells On. **10.00** This Is England '88. **11.10** The Joy of Teen Sex. **12.10** Random Acts. **12.15** Music on 4: Live from Abbey Road. **1.00** Music on 4: The Album Chart Show: Spotlight. **1.15** Music on 4: Koko Bop: Christmas Special. **1.40** Film: The Ice Storm. (1997) Drama, starring Sigourney Weaver. **3.35** Stephen Hawking's Universe. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.10** Mickey Mouse: Have a Laugh. **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Law & Order. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: NY. (R) **3.15** Film: Farewell Mr Kringle. (2010) Premiere. Christmas drama, with Christine Taylor. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **6.55** Cars Toons. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** Live UEFA Europa League Football. Fulham v Odense BK (Kick-off 8.05pm). **10.15** Film: Blood and Bone. (2009) **12.15** Poker: The Big Game. **1.15** SuperCasino. **4.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.10** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** HouseBusters. (R)

Thursday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Rip Off Britain. **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Noise Squad. **11.45** Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Only Fools and Horses. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** The Manor Reborn. **9.00** Crimewatch. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Crimewatch Update. **10.45** Up In Flames: Mr Reeves and the Riot. **11.30** This Week. **12.15** Skiing Weatherview. **12.20** Sign Zone: How to Survive the Meltdown – Panorama. (R) **12.50** Countryfile. (R) **1.45** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **2.45** Britain's Hidden Heritage. (R) **3.45** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.25** CBeebies. **11.35** The Pink Panther Show. (R) **12.00** Daily Politics. **12.30** GMT with George Alagiah. **1.00** Coast. (R) **1.15** Trash to Cash. **2.15** Weakest Link. (R) **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.15** Coast. (R) **6.00** Celebrity Eggheads. **6.30** Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two. **7.00** Victorian Farm Christmas. (R) **8.00** MasterChef: The Professionals. The winner of the 2011 edition is announced. Last in the series. **9.00** Rev. Lay reader Nigel gets the chance to prove his worth. **9.30** Life's Too Short. Warwick throws a flat-warming party. **10.00** Frank Skinner's Opinionated. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Leonardo. (R) **12.20** The Company. (R) **1.55** BBC News.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** May the Best House Win. **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **5.00** Best Dish: The Chefs. **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Counting on Christmas: Tonight. **8.00** Emmerdale. Cain indicates he remembers who attacked him. **8.30** Coronation Street. Peter lies to Leanne before going to see Carla. **9.00** Without You. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Peter Andre. (R) **11.35** A Night with Will Young. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.30** Counting on Christmas: Tonight. (R) **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Undercover Boss Australia. **9.55** Kirstie and Phil's Perfect Christmas. (R) **10.55** River Cottage Christmas. (R) **12.00** Drop Down Menu. **12.55** Film: Oliver Twist. (1948) Charles Dickens' drama, starring Alec Guinness. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal. **5.00** Christmas Coach Trip. **5.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Kevin's Grand Design. **9.00** Living with the Amish. **10.00** This Is England '88. **11.05** Random Acts. **11.10** Black Mirror: The National Anthem. (R) **12.10** Music on 4: Alex Zane Pops Out. **12.45** Music on 4: Inputoutput. **1.00** Film: Faintheart. (2008) Premiere. Romantic comedy, starring Eddie Marsan and Jessica Hynes. **2.30** Southland. **3.15** Happy Endings. **3.40** Japan's Tsunami: Caught on Camera. (R) **4.55** Unreported World. (R) **5.20** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.10** Mickey Mouse: Have a Laugh. **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.10** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Law & Order. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: NY. (R) **3.10** Film: The Christmas List. (1997) Fantasy drama, starring Mimi Rogers. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.25** OK! TV. **6.55** Cars Toons. **7.00** 5 News at 7. **7.30** New Highland Emergency; 5 News Update. **8.00** Fairground Attractions; 5 News at 9. **9.00** The Mentalist. **10.00** It's All About Amy. **11.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.10** Wildlife SOS. (R)

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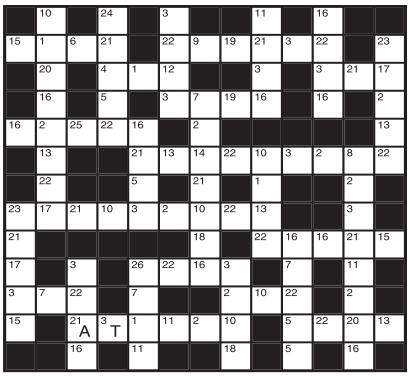
Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Praise returned twofold (4)
3. He makes an offer to support Rose somehow (8)
9. Brazilian port to us appears boisterous (7)
10. Strange shape of the moon, perhaps (5)
11. Having no centre of gravity? (5-7)
13. An order for money (6)
15. An article to be followed (6)
17. It may result in not only the weather breaking! (7,5)
20. Put away in great enjoyment (5)
21. Record suppressed by force (3,4)
22. Cutting teeth (8)
23. Such wolves are no longer (4)

Down

1. Abandoned ship (8)
2. Surrounded by some of the team on gaining three points (5)
4. It's reddish-brown, but not orange (6)
5. Their job is to keep down correspondence (5-7)
6. Main plant source of iodine (7)
7. Is sorry for a trick, by the sound of it (4)
8. They indicate how elevated your position is (7,5)
12. Being there before the change of scene (8)
14. It is used extensively (7)
16. He aims to bring down the opposition in an individual way (6)
18. By itself something which attracts interest, we hear (5)
19. Fairy ripe for a change (4)

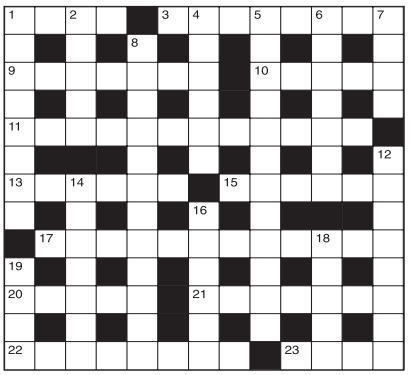
Quick Clues:

Across

1. Disappoint (4)
3. Theoretical (8)
9. Ill-omened (7)
10. More secure (5)
11. By chance (12)
13. Heavy (6)
15. Money-lender (6)
17. Impolite (12)
20. Pure (5)
21. Detach (7)
22. Petition (8)
23. Abandoned (4)

Down

1. Quadruple (8)
2. Loafer (5)
4. Prairie-wolf (6)
5. Long treatise (12)
6. Scarf (7)
7. Remedy (4)
8. Submission (12)
12. Outlook (8)
14. Food (7)
16. Whimsical (6)
18. Harangue (5)
19. Dull pain (4)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Raiment; 7 Brief; 9 Roman; 10 Hostage; 12 Pretty smart; 14 Grave charge; 18 Antique; 19 Reign; 21 Steer; 22 Fringes. Down: 1 Bacon; 2 Impair; 3 End; 4 Pro tem; 5 Ledgers; 8 Holy war; 11 Stuck up; 13 Granite; 15 Veiled; 16 Greens; 17 Egret; 20 Ore. QUICK - Across: 6 Release; 7 Dummy; 9 Tepid; 10 Complex; 12 Retribution; 14 Consequence; 18 Allowed; 19 Annoy; 21 Broth; 22 Reverse. Down: 1 Refer; 2 Revise; 3 Ass; 4 Output; 5 Emperor; 8 Cobbler; 11 Croquet; 13 Forlorn; 15 Sports; 16 Cancel; 17 Hoist; 20 Wed.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

1	4	8	3	7	6	2	5	3
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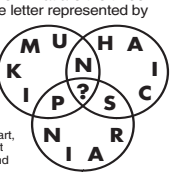
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is T. Stewart, Atherton, Boycott all former England cricketers.

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STOURTON MEWS BRIDGNORTH ROAD

An extremely well presented three bedroom mews style property situated in a popular semi rural location within the grounds of Stourton Castle. Accommodation comprises of dining room, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from gas central heating and allocated parking.
Unfurnished DSS:NO CHILDREN:YES PETS:NO SMOKERS:NO

£750PCM

NEW STREET KINGSWINFORD

SUITABLE FOR DISABLED OCCUPPANCY
Exceptionally well placed within this highly desirable location a very substantial modern detached family home part adapted for disabled occupancy. Having a spacious layout the property boasts two reception rooms, four bedrooms and two bathrooms. The property is further enhanced by having GCH, double glazing, garage, useful off road parking and beautiful landscaped gardens. UNFURNISHED DSS: No Children: Yes Smokers: No Pets: No

£750PCM

LEANDER ROAD WOLLESCOTE

A well presented three bedroom semi detached property in a popular residential location. The accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. The property further benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, garage and enclosed rear garden. UNFURNISHED DSS:NO CHILDREN:NO SMOKERS:NO PETS:NO

£575PCM

THE EMBANKMENT MERRY HILL

An extremely well presented two bedroom part furnished apartment, close to all amenities the Merry Hill Centre has to offer. The accommodation comprises of video entry system, entrance hall, two bedrooms, master with en-suite, fitted kitchen, lounge, bathroom. The property further benefits from electric storage and double glazing.
PART FURNISHED

DSS:NO PETS:NO SMOKERS:NO CHILDREN: MAY CONSIDER

£550PCM

WALTERS ROW DUDLEY

An extremley well presented two bedroom semi detached property situated in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of Kitchen, lounge, Two bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from gas central heating, double glazing and off road parking. UNFURNISHED DSS:YES PETS:MAY CONSIDER CHILDREN:YES SMOKERS:NO

£525PCM

FOXDALE DRIVE BRIERLEY HILL

A well presented and recently refurbished one bedroom semi detached house situated in a popular residential location with accommodation to comprise of: Lounge, fitted kitchen, first floor landing with built in airing cupboard, bedroom and bathroom. The property further benefits from having lawned fore garden, bin store, allocated parking, gas central heating and double glazing. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: NO SMOKERS: NO PETS: NO

£425pcm

CHESTNUT COURT AMBLECOTE

A well presented one bedroom first floor apartment with accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. The property further benefits from having double glazing,allocated parking space and drying area along with communal gardens. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: NO PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£410PCM

DOVE DRIVE AMBLECOTE

A well presented ground floor one bedroom Apartment situated in a popular residential location with accommodation to comprise of: Lounge with gas fire and two seater sofa, Inner hallway, kitchen with gas hob and electric oven, fridge and automatic washing machine, bedroom with double bed and bathroom. The property also benefits from off road parking, front garden and security light. PART FURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: NO PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£395PCM

GRANGE LANE WOLLESCOTE

A delightful Traditional Three Bedroom Detached property in a popular location and benefiting from Gas Central Heating, Large Rear Garden and Double (Tandem) Garage.
The property further benefits from useful Off Road Parking to the fore, with patio area and lawn with mature shrubs, in the Large Garden.
UNFURNISHED CHILDREN: Yes PETS: No SMOKERS: No DSS: No

£745PCM

DERRY CLOSE HARBOURNE

A Spacious three bedroom semi detached property within access to the University and Queen Elizabeth Hospital with accommodation to comprise of: Hallway, lounge/dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom and separate WC. The property further benefits from having gas central heating, double glazing, garden, garage and off road parking.
UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£695PCM

BROMLEY LANE KINGSWINFORD

A well presented and spacious three bedroom semi detached property situated in a popular residential location with accommodation to comprise of: Porch, entrance hall, sitting room, lounge, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from having gas central heating, double glazing, garage and an attractive rear garden.
UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£650PCM

DERWENT CLOSE PENSNETT

A good three bedroom semi detached property in need of some TLC with accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hall, WC, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from having partial double glazing, electric storage heating, detached garage, off road parking and enclosed rear garden. UNFURNISHED DSS: YES CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS

£595PCM

ROOKERY ROAD WOMBOURNE

A Charming two bedroom mid terrace cottage style property situated within a highly sought after location with accommodation to comprise of: Entrance Porch, lounge, kitchen/diner, rear hall, ground floor shower room and two double bedrooms. The property further benefits from having gas central heating, double glazing, rear garden and block paved driveway affording off road parking. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£575PCM

BELLE VUE ROAD BRIERLEY HILL

A well presented three bedroom semi detached property in a popular residential location. The accommodation comprises of entrance hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, bathroom and three bedrooms. The property further benefits from gas central heating, double glazing and rear garden with parking to the fore. UNFURNISHED

DSS:NO CHILDREN:YES PETS:NO SMOKERS:NO

£575PCM

LONDON HEIGHTS DUDLEY

A Three Bedroom Detached property situated in a residential location with accommodation comprising of: Porch, lounge/diner, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from having Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front and Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking and Integral Garage. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO CHILDREN: YES

£550PCM

SUFEIT HILL ROAD CRADLEY HEATH

A spacious improved two bedroom semi detached bungalow occupying a pleasant position with double glazing and requiring internal inspection. Comprising: Inner hall, delightful lounge with feature fireplace, farmhouse style kitchen, double glazed conservatory, two good sized bedrooms, attractive re-fitted bathroom, good sized detached garage and low maintenance rear garden extending to the side.
DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£550PCM

BIRCHWOOD WALK KINGSWINFORD

A spacious and well maintained, modern semi detached two bedroom bungalow situated in a popular residential location with accommodation to comprise of: Reception hall, lounge, Kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from having gas central heating, double glazing, and to the rear of the property there is an attractive rear garden and garage. PART FURNISHED
DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£525PCM

HIGH STREET WORDSLEY

A newly decorated, well presented Two Bedroom Semi-Detached property in the heart of Wordsley. Accommodation comprises of Lounge, fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, The property further benefits from Gas Central Heating,Double Glazing, Enclosed rear Garden and newly gravelled Off Road ParkingArea, immmediately behind property..
Viewing is highly recommended. UNFURNISHED
DSS:NO PETS: MAY CONSIDER CHILDREN:YES SMOKERS:NO

£515PCM

VALLEY ROAD LYE

A Spacious three bedroom mid terraced property with accommodation to comprise of: Lounge, inner lobby with cellerette, rear lobby, galley kitchen, bathroom and three bedrooms. The property further benefits from having gas central heating, double glazing and part walled garden. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£495PCM

GEORGE ROAD HALESOWEN

A Well presented two bedroom Mid Terraced property situated in a popular residential location with accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hall, through lounge diner, fully fitted kitchen, two good sized bedrooms & bathroom. The property further benefits from having off road parking and an enclosed rear garden. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: MAY CONSIDER SMOKERS: NO

£495PCM

COLLIERS FOLD PENSNETT

A superb spacious One Bedroom Bunglaow in a popular modern development, boasting electric storage heating, Double Glazing and Off Road Parking. Accommodation comprises: Lounge, Inner hall, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. In addition there is an Enclosed Rear Garden , a front lawned Fore-Garden and Off Road Parking. UNFURNISHED CHILDREN: NO DSS: NO PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

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Three-bedroom home on show in Stourbridge

LEADING housebuilder David Wilson Mercia has opened a brand new show home at its Impney Grange development on John Corbett Drive in Stourbridge, to give buyers a vision of the space they have to work with in one of the company's sought-after home styles.

The family show home has been professionally styled by interior specialist Claude Hooper.

It offers buyers an excellent chance to see how their home could take shape at the development before reserving one of their own.

A street scene at the new David Wilson Homes development at Impney Grange

Potential

"We're delighted that we have our Kingsville-style show home on view for potential purchasers at Impney Grange," said Rita Tyler, sales manager or David Wilson Mercia.

"Our new show home is perfect for families who would like to see how their new home could look here and we're delighted to offer homebuyers a first look.

"We've chosen our Kingsville-style three-bedroom property as show home for the development as it showcases all of the fantastic features our homes have.

"This is a great home for a growing family because it has all the space they could need."

The Kingsville has all the space a family could need and is perfect for the modern family. Throughout the show home classic oak furniture has been used to give it a light airy family feel.

Matching stone coloured sofas have been placed in the living area and taupes, whites and stones are the colours used throughout.

Entered via an entrance hall with storage area and cloakroom, the ground floor comprises a family room with French doors leading onto a rear garden. The kitchen has fully fitted contemporary units. On the first floor there is a double bedroom with an en-suite and a family living room. The second floor has two double bedrooms and a tastefully decorated family bathroom.

Impney Grange features a range of three, four and five-bedroom houses priced from £205,000. For more information, contact the sales office on 01384 374928, which is open daily from 10am to 5pm. Alternatively, call the sales hotline on 0844 811 3322 open seven days a week from 8am to 9pm or log on to www.dwh.co.uk

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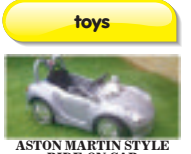

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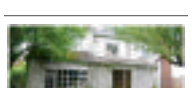

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LOUISA looking for lovely, young male, 20-30's, easygoing for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 380469**

CARLY beautiful slim brunette looking for naughty mature male 50-70yrs for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 376569**

SARAH 38, slim, nice looking, tactile, no ties, WLTM kind, loving male to enjoy affectionate relationship. Any age/looks. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 378483**

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DIVORCED very lonely single mum, young looking, slim, attractive, WLTM similar male for companionship. Age/looks/Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 370023**

KIRSTY 36 attractive, blonde, seeking open-minded decent male for fun friendship, 40-60yrs. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 373013**

PAULINE attractive petite nurse, loves evenings in/out, looking for honest male to share loving friendship and good times. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 379535**

SLIM attractive lady with long auburn hair just wants to have a good time with likeminded older guy up to 75yrs. Looks/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368119**

I'M attractive, very tactile with an hour-glass figure, looking for fun and good times. Can you help? **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368889**

SHARON 32, attractive black single mum of one, very tactile and WLTM male 45-65yrs for fun meets. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 376565**

JENNY blue eyed cuddly independent female, loves countryside, animals, cooking, WLTM older male to spoil and look after. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 378481**

YOUNG looking attractive slim blonde, very lonely, WLTM nice guy for whatever life throws at us. No expectations. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 370111**

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MAGGIE young at heart 40's female, single, sincere and honest seeks romance with likeminded male to enjoy weekends away and more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 379539**

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40'S LAlady, lovely curves, solvent but lonely, seeks nice older male to pamper, enjoy fun and affection with. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 358135**

SHARON 29 single mum of two, loves to live life to the full and will try anything once, seeking reliable male for cosy nights in. Any age/status. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 380385**

30YR old attractive confident business women, frequently in area seeks older gent for mutual spoiling, pampering and fun. ACA. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 358137**

MIXED race sassy lady, 38yrs, attractive and fun loving, looking for love and laughter without any strings, 30-67yrs. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 372061**

FRAN single confident brunette, OHAC, employed, loves cooking, cuddles, seeks Mr Christmas for mistletoe kisses and tinslelating meets. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 380387**

TRACY attractive young blonde with great figure, likes nights in/out, looking for stimulating male for interesting meets. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 380389**

HAVE all the good ones gone? Here I am left on the shelf looking for fun, laughter, friendship and naughty liaisons! ACA. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 372063**

DIONNE 5ft 3ins, blonde hair, blue eyes, medium build, 42, single mum, seeks male. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 376801**

SLIM 32yr old blonde, kind, caring, good listener, honest, likes to have fun, seeks male. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 339373**

RACHEL 38, slim, attractive, works full time, seeks sensitive, funny gent for friendship, companionship, hopefully relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 375929**

PUSSY Galore seeking very own James Bond for romance. Janette 42yr, attractive, slim, leggy, cheeky extremely loving and single. ACA. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 377989**

CLARE good looking, beautiful blonde, seeks male for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 378209**

FEMALE looking for gent, 65-70, caring, loving and independent. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 378295**

PATRICIA 5ft 5ins, red hair, blue eyes, likes nights out, meals, clubs, seeking nice young man who is kind, generous to look after me. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 378207**

DAWN attractive, slim female, 45, N/S, no ties, WLTM tall, fit male with get up and go attitude towards life. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 375825**

LOUISE 43, 5ft 5ins, medium build, GSOH, kind, caring, honest, genuine, loving, WLTM male, 43-55 with similar qualities for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 376165**

JANICE attractive female, 50, size 12-14, seeks younger gent, 40-50 for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 376115**

MARIA 38, blonde, 5ft 5ins, caring, likes nights in/out, seeks caring male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 329319**

KATHY caring lady 60, medium build, smoker, seeks caring, smart male 55-65 for companionship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 374773**

MANDY GSOH, like nights in/out, have all the good ones gone, here I am looking for fun, laughter, friendship, possible LTR with similar male. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 376149**

BIG is beautiful! Female looking for someone to share a life time of happiness with. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368528**

ELAINE kind, romantic, loving 43, seeks genuine male for relationship. Telford. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 374845**

JEAN 71, fun loving Shropshire lady, seeks caring gent of similar age, GSOH, N/S for companionship/outings. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 373657**

FARMER'S granddaughter, OHAC, stunningly attractive, respectable, sincere, WLTM countryman/batchelor, 48-62, 5ft 9ins plus, genuine, uncomplicated with GSOH and TLC. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 387204**

POLLY dark hair, 50, attractive, outgoing, seeks special outgoing male for days out etc. Telford. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 371127**

KIND romantic female, 50, seeking a male to talk, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368429**

OPTIMISTIC Shropshire lass, slim, gorgeous, seeks good looking gent, 40-50 with GSOH. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362033**

LOVING caring young 67yr old female, 5ft 2ins, slim size 12, brown hair, likes meals out, GSOH, smoker, seeks slim, smart male with GSOH, 58-62. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 364651**

BLACK attractive female, 34, slim, N/S, seeks genuine male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 367021**

WIDOWED lady 70's, likes countryside, travel, seaside, seeks nice gent to spend time with. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362993**

DIY gardening, friendly geek required by friendly 55yr old attractive teacher, soulful lady to share sunny days and starlit nights in my hilltop cottage garden. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 365137**

BLONDE tanned female, trendy, 46, GSOH, likes walks, pubs, nights in, seeks male. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 384852**

PROFESSIONAL independent lady, 49, slim, blonde, attractive, varied interests, seeks intelligent, romantic, sincere, genuine male with GSOH for companionship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 359351**

CARING and honest lady 61, 5ft 2ins, WLTM very caring and honest gentleman. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 357985**

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SUE attractive, slim, 50's, green eyes, varied interests, trendy, OHAC, seeks special guy. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 180587**

DO you know what women want? 40yr old petite lady needs spoiling and lots of love by attractive male, 45-55. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327573**

FEMALE 51, slim, 5ft 4ins, genuine, caring, seeks soul mate who is genuine and caring. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 356761**

72YR old widower, smart, likes travel, conversation, dancing, cooking, missing that special man in her life who is easygoing and N/S. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 349265**

SLIM professional, attractive, amiable lady, 55, seeks genuine, articulate, professional gent, 55 plus with GSOH and enjoys the good things in life. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 356411**

LINDA 70's, likes theatre, dancing, seeks nice gent for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 355891**

ATTRACTIVE female, 45, slim, affectionate, intelligent, seeks honest, caring male for fun and friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 301001**

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SLIM attractive 44yr old female, N/S, no ties, likes travel, nights out, seeks male, 40-50 for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 341491**

BLACK female, medium build, mother of two, WLTM lively gent, 34-40, N/S with GSOH for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 148702**

WENDY dark hair/eyes, medium build, seeks male for friendship and see what happens. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361589**

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BRIAN 60 single male, WLTM local lady having similar needs, hopefully slim-medium build. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 366629**

GEORGE lonely, retired businessman, 66, tall, own home, seeks slim female for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 379593**

54YR old divorced single dad, 5ft 8ins, N/S, medium build, car owner, GSOH, seeks female, 30-55. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 379599**

MALE 58, 5ft 8ins, medium build, short hair, GSOH, seeks female, 50-60 to share happiness and life with. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 370649**

PAUL 59, likes countryside, animals, cooking, seeks female, 45-60 with similar interests for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 381101**

JEFF slim, fit, active, 60, open-minded, seeks attractive lady, 40-60 for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 379997**

NIGE 44, 6ft 6ins, seeks lady, 18-40 for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 381009**

MALE 50, fit, friendly, down to earth, seeks female for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 372407**

ATTRACTIVE tall, dark, professional male, GSOH, easygoing, likes sports, socialising, seeks female with GSOH for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 380901**

33YR old male, looking for nice lady for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 380829**

ATTRACTIVE tall, dark, professional male, 47, GSOH, enjoys sport, socialising, good company, seeks female with GSOH for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 380897**

GENUINE male, 54, own home, seeks female, any age for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368871**

ALAN young 62, N/S, slim, solvent, successful, OHAC, WLTM sensitive, caring female, 50-60 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 380651**

FUNNY unusual, caring, kind, unique me, snow on roof, David, seeks female, 20-50. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 375831**

DAVID 54, seeks female, 18-50 for friendship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 370585**

JOHN 58, slim, 5ft 9ins, seeks cuddly lady, size 14-16 for nights in/out, wining/dining and nights away. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 380281**

HANDSOME attractive, fit, professional trucker, 38, WLTM attractive, honest, caring lady/mum, 31-45 for LTR. Colour unimportant. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 219790**

PAUL attractive male, 52, seeks large female, 55-70 for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 380089**

KEVIN 44, divorced, 5ft 8ins, brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, easygoing, down to earth, likes meals out, cinema, seeks N/S female. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 377207**

MALE 60, seeks female who needs a man for occasional evenings and weekend pleasure, any age/status. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 379873**

NICE guy late 30's, genuine, open-minded, likes wining/dining, seeks likeminded lady for fun, friendship and companionship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 341135**

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GLAMOROUS granny wanted, 60 plus by Steve, 54 for daytime fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 370841**

41YR old male, 6ft, dark hair, likes cosy nights in and good times out, seeks female to share good times with, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 369663**

PAUL 35, seeks female, medium build, attractive for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 374601**

HAROLD 70yr old male, divorced, lonely, solvent, OHAC, seeking female for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 379759**

SINGLE dad, 45, honest, caring, brown eyes, likes holidays, football, swimming, walks, seeking special female, any age and looks. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 378219**

54YR old divorced male, OHAC, seeks female under 50 for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 379729**

JOHN 48, 5ft 10ins, warm, intelligent, hardworking, unconventional, unpretentious, seeks sensitive, intelligent lady. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 388412**

PAUL 49, N/S, slim, likes good things in life, seeks genuine, caring, honest lady for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 388436**

STEVE young looking, attractive 49yr old male, tall, blue eyes, loving, genuine, seeks honest, loving lady for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 387964**

SPORTY good looking guy, 37, OHAC, good job, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, nights in, seeks attractive female, 27-42. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 364633**

PAUL 49, N/S, likes good things in life, seeks genuine, caring, honest lady, 38-50 for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 388188**

58YR old male, youthful looks, easygoing, N/S, seeks honest, mature female to be soul mates. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 379095**

TONY seeking local lady, 50-65 with GSOH, genuine for friendship and fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 379063**

DAVE genuine guy, 6ft, black hair, blue eyes, medium build, likes sports, gardening, music, seeks female with GSOH and genuine. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 388372**

BLACK male, 41, 5ft 7ins, average build, GSOH, knows how to treat a woman, seeks slim-medium build female, 25-38 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 378893**

MALE 45, 5ft 7ins, medium build, short hair, N/S, no ties, honest, likes sports, cinema, countryside, DIY, seeks female, 20-60 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 332453**

SHY male 45, 5ft 8ins, medium build, short hair, non drinker, N/S, no ties, very lonely hurt in past, female, 20-70 with GSOH. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 325385**

TALL handsome male, 41, GSOH, likes romantic days/nights in/out, WLTM attractive, down to earth, young lady, 35-55, size unimportant. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 346611**

JOHN 55, 6ft, fed up with own company, WLTM lady 40 plus for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 378699**

ROMANTIC white male, 45, 5ft 11ins, medium build, seeks female for meals out, cinema, holidays and good times. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 378201**

TREVOR 65, seeks local lady, 59-69, N/S with GSOH, genuine, caring to share fun with. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 376661**

YOUNG looking 51yr old male, slim, seeks attractive, interesting woman, 18-45 for fun and games. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 380213**

RETIRED male, 65, OHAC, likes keep fit, dancing, bands, holidays, meals out, seeks slim, attractive female, 49-55 with nice personality. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 351804**

32YR old guy, likes music, cooking, joking, seeks female, 40-45 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 332365**

MIKE friendly guy 48, tall, fit, GSOH, seeks lady for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 376921**

ATTRACTIVE tall honest guy, 48, polite, respectful with GSOH, seeks female for fun relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 371823**

PETE nice guy 40, seeks older, slimmish, confident Liz McDonald type for fun, friendship, flirtation and more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 374605**

NICE guy 30's, seeks forward, tactile, open-minded, professional female for wine/dine, gripping conversation and fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 336309**

LATE 30's guy, fun, romantic, seeks slim, curvy babe for wining/dining and 1-2-1 fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 323325**

46YR old male, 5ft 5ins, blue eyes, short hair, N/S, intelligent, likes swimming, fishing, walks, days out, seeks similar honest female. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 352575**

LEE tall nice guy, late 30's, seeks fun, flirty, open-minded, forward, vivacious, slim, curvy babe for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 373481**

JOE 44, shy, 5ft 7ins, likes nights in/out, seeks caring, loving lady, 35-45 for lasting, loving relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 378947**

60YR old male, seeks lady 35-65 for daytime meets and adult fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 378957**

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Sporty car here now with a quicker one to follow

By Ian Donaldson

IT'S NEVER easy making a sporty car sound enticing when there's an even sportier one on the horizon.

And it's not as though Ford is hiding news of its properly hot Focus. The second bullet point in the news release from the company tells the world that the sizzling ST arrives some time in 2012 with 250 willing horses under its bonnet.

Which is rather more than the current warm hatch Ford, called Zetec S and packing a smaller punch.

Insurance

Ford must be hoping this one's inevitably lower performance will be more than made up for by inevitably lower bills for purchase, insurance and fuel costs.

This now available car was specially developed for Britain, where we like a sporty look to our motors. Ford thinks it might sell 6,000 a year.

In fact, most Zetec S models are simply a mild cosmetic makeover of the existing (non-S) models, with a sports styling kit, bigger wheels and a stiffened suspension.

Oh, and alloy-look pedals, rear LED rear lights and a button to start the engine, not a boring old ignition key.

You'll pay a £1,250 premium over the less racy-looking Zetec for the changes, where it's possible to compare like with like.

Dig deeper, though and you find the Zetec S debuting a more powerful (179bhp) turbocharged petrol engine and with a not inconsiderable price tag of £20,495.

The new range starts at £18,745 for a 1.6 petrol, and tops out with the £22,595 diesel with a potent 2.0 litres.

But it's the petrol version tested here that's likely to set an enthusiast's blood moving a little faster.

The on-paper performance figures (138mph, 0-62mph in 7.9 seconds) promise a car that ought to feel eager and responsive, if not downright fast.

Surprise, surprise, that's precisely how it seems on the road.

There's definitely space for a Focus road rocket in the near future but until that time this version of the Zetec S will do pretty well.

It will certainly answer all the experts who reckoned the latest Focus was beautifully built, quiet and comfortable but lacking in the sheer joy of driving that all the previous models had in spades.

The new car is still a comfy way to munch miles and has the elusive quality common to most Fords of recent times (and surprisingly rare in rivals) of simply being good to drive, however modest the engine doing the work.

Over a not very demanding test route my car showed 37mpg on the trip computer.

Optimistic

Not bad, if miles behind the 47mpg recorded in the official Euro test.

That's the figure that has to be quoted by law and that usually proves wildly optimistic.

Trying a car with an existing diesel engine (2.0 litres, 161bhp, £21,345) moved the trip meter to 47mpg.

But the car did not ride as well as its faster, petrol powered sibling. On the other hand it still felt pretty potent, though, and needed fewer gear changes.

If you want (much) better economy from your Focus you will be able to buy one late in 2012 with an improbably small 1.0 litre engine and a mere three cylinders.

It sounds intriguing – let's hope that it shows how the clever application of conventional mechanicals (not a booster electric motor in sight) still has the potential to deliver those cherished improvements in fuel savings. Don't bet against it.

In the meantime, this latest version of the Focus makes an already impressive car usefully better still.

The Zetec clocked up 37mpg – not bad, but way behind the 47mpg in the official test

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Stay safe when driving in the fog

By Caroline Holmes

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DRIVING in fog is like driving blindfolded. The safest thing to do is not to drive until the fog lifts, but that's not always possible.

The key to driving in fog is to slow down, make sure you can see as much as possible and to make sure you can be seen.

Before you set off, clean your windows and windscreen and ensure all your lights are working properly, including your foglights.

When you're ready to leave, switch on the dipped headlights. Only use front and rear foglights if visibility is less than 100 metres – if you leave them on when visibility improves you will dazzle other road users.

Clear

Keep your windscreen wipers on an intermittent setting when you're moving and keep the heating or air conditioning on to keep the inside of the glass clear. Keep your windscreen washer topped up with screen wash. In freezing fog pure water will freeze on contact with the screen.

Slowing down and making sure there's enough distance between you and the vehicle in front is even more important than usual – you might not even be able to see that car in front.

The trick is to make sure you can stop in the distance that you can see to be clear. Following a larger vehicle such as a lorry or bus can be a benefit, because they are easier to see and will generally have better visibility than you do, but don't follow too closely.

Take a few simple steps to combat the dangers of dog

You still need to concentrate on what's going on around you. And be aware that fog is not the same density all the time – it may get thicker, so slow down if it does.

Braking gently and early will help. This gives drivers behind you a warning and more time to react, especially when the road may be more slippery than usual.

If the driver behind you is travelling too close, don't accelerate away or brake harshly. Gradually increase the distance between you so you have more room to react, should anything happen.

And keep an eye on your speedo – fog can be disorientating and it is easy to be travelling faster than you think. It's also easy to become over confident and drive too quickly.

If you can't see well at a junction, wind the window down and listen out for traffic before pulling out.

And as with all weather conditions make sure you are properly prepared. Packing high-viz clothing is essential in case you have to leave the car, but don't rely on this to be seen.

Forecasts

To help drivers stay safe this winter, the IAM has a new website – www.drivingadvice.org.uk, with traffic updates, weather forecasts and tips on how to drive safely in winter.

Tips cover rain, snow, ice, fog and wind – everything you can expect in a typically unpredictable British winter. Check it out before you travel.

MGB still going strongly at 50

NEXT YEAR is the 50th anniversary of the ubiquitous MGB, a staggering 514,834 examples of which were made between 1962 and when the Abingdon factory was sadly closed for good in October 1980.

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BMH's managing director John Yea said: "The B was MG's first monocoque sports car and, with its substantial box section sills and chassis legs integral to the main structure, could be regarded as somewhat over-engineered – a fact for which many an MGB racer has been mighty grateful over the years!

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A host of 50th anniversary celebrations is planned for the MGB throughout 2012, from a series of races that will include some of the original "works" cars, to a multi-club extravaganza at Blenheim Palace on September 23.

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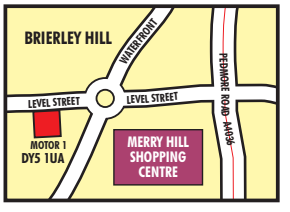

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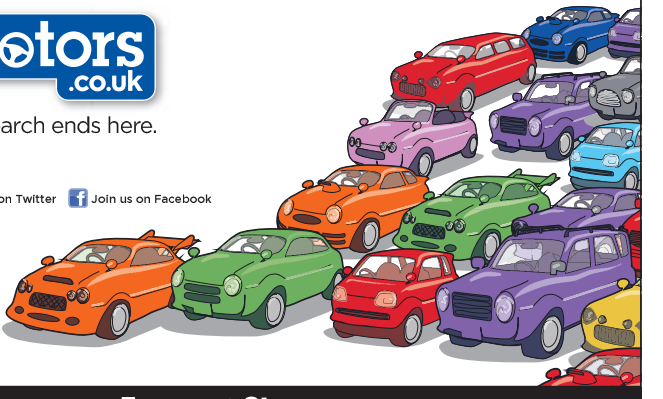

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OLD HALESONIANS hockey seconds put in a strong and confident performance to see off Kings Heath.

The win sees Hales move within touching distance of the promotion places.

Hales made a bright start but it was Kings Heath who threatened first, with captain Steve Charlton forced into a smart early save.

It was as close as Kings Heath would get though, as excellent performances by the Hales rearguard kept the Kings Heath attack at bay.

Simon Palmer marshalled the defence well, with Tom Bolton and Reise Thompson putting in fine performances. Hales took the lead with a well-worked penalty corner, Palmer working the ball to Mark Rigby who slotted it in.

Hales continued to dominate proceedings, with their second arriving halfway through the second period. Nick Truelove's cross-field pass found the excellent run of Tom Bolton, who in turn fed Nathan Kelly.

His shot/cross was tucked in at the far post by Ash Greaves.

Results: Hampton-in-Ardon 1 Old Hales 3rds 2, Kings Heath 2 Old Hales Ladies 0.

Procession tribute to hot rod John

The procession of hot rod cars

A PROCESSION of hot rod cars lined the streets of a Black Country town in tribute to a dedicated racer who died at the age of 63.

John Payne, of Wollaston, Stourbridge, died on November 14 after collapsing at a motorway service station. He was found to have suffered an aneurysm.

The father-of-four, who worked as a HGV driver, had been a hot rod enthusiast for about 15 years and took up the sport a decade ago. Members of the National Street Car Challenge, which he raced with, arrived from all over the country to attend his funeral at Stourbridge Crematorium. As a tribute, hot rod cars lined up outside the crematorium, led by his own black Mustang driven by sons Robin, 34, and Bryan, 30.

His wife of 34 years, Janet, said it had been an "amazing" tribute.

Mr Payne is also survived by two other sons from a previous marriage, Jason, 40, and Alan, 38.

John, left, receives a racing award

Robins are bobbin' with feisty victory

Wednesfield 1 Dudley Town 2

DUDLEY TOWN'S current run of eye-catching form continued with a highly impressive victory over Wednesfield which turned out to be a feisty and highly entertaining Black Country derby at The Cottage Ground.

Manager Andy Burgess stuck with the side that had earned a competent 1-0 win at lowly Pegasus Juniors a week before, apart from the inclusion of Dreniz Bala ahead of Rion Francis-Mills who was suffering from a slight niggle.

Burgess also included the returning Craig Beresford to his squad after the midfielder resigned for Dudley Town in the week.

Right from the off the game oozed entertainment. Being played on a heavy Cottage Ground surface Dudley were quick to test the hosts backline when Dreniz Bala cut through but could only plant his shot tamely into the arms of Sam Arnold.

Wednesfield soon responded and created some good chances themselves, first Mark Potts forced a fine save from Jay Trevalen and then the former Tividale keeper was in action again when he tipped Anton Johns goal-bound shot over the bar.

Defending

The home side earned the upper hand in the opening half with ex-Robins starlet Tyrone Clarke crafting problems for the visitors' defence and really should have taken the lead when Paul Sullivan slapped a shot wide of the goal.

The Robins had a fine chance to take the lead just before the break when Anthony Cox quickly broke but his shot endured the same fate as Sullivan's.

Having kept the score sheet blank whilst defending the bottom of the slope Burgess' men went on the hunt in the second half.

Bala was unlucky not to give his side the lead on 50 minutes when his looping header was cleared off the line, but the Croatian didn't have to wait long to snatch his eighth of the season nine minutes later.

Meeting a fine through-ball from Nikki Faux his initial shot was parried by Arnold but then bravely dived into the loose ball to put it past the grounded Arnold.

The introduction of Rion Francis-Mills allowed Dudley to continue their threat up front and the impressive youngster began to create headaches for the Wednesfield backline.

Architect

It was the youth team graduate who became architect for a picture perfect second goal. Managing to squirm his way out of the corner he lined the ball to Bala who in turn cued up Anthony Cox to deliver a delicious volley from outside the penalty box that left keeper Arnold no chance.

Dudley could well have increased their lead with Cox and Bala both having good chances, although The Robins were left to sweat during injury time following Anton Johns 89th minute consolation.

The goal was the first conceded by Trevalen in 372 minutes and things may well have got worse for the visitors as Wednesfield had a late penalty claim turned down by the referee.

Alas, Dudley held firm and they find themselves halfway through their season and in sight of their highest finish in the pyramid since 1997.

Wednesfield: Arnold, Perks, Corns (Henry), Sanderson, Clapp, Horton, Butler, Johns, Potts (McCrystal), Sullivan (Lowe), Clarke.

Dudley Town: Trevalen, Whittaker, Ludlow, Love (Richards), Whitley, Perry, Cox, Langford, Store (Francis-Mills), Bala, Faux (Arnold). Subs not used: Snead, Beresford.

Referee: K. Alsop

DK are given a reality check as the Lions devour

DK's loose head prop Al Francis in action

Fly half Jon Higgins breaks the Lions defensive line with Stefan Shillingford

DK's Al Francis is brought down inches short of the line

DK tight head prop Stefan Thorp halted by two Lions

Dudley Kingswinford 12 Rugby Lions 68

DK shot themselves in the foot from the outset by gifting the Lions two early tries through poor kicking out of hand, a situation from which they never really recovered.

Whilst DK never lacked for effort, they found it increasingly difficult to compete with the higher level of skills and fitness displayed by the ultra professional Lions outfit.

They were not helped by another faltering display in the lineout and by coughing up a lot of ball when under constant pressure from the visitors.

Former England and British Lions back row Neil Back is the man in charge and he has brought in Lee Hinton, Peter Wackett and Gareth Hardy from his former premiership club Leeds, Sam Raven and Ben Buxton from Nottingham and former England sevens record points scorer Ben Gollings and Andrew Vilk another sevens international among others.

Heathbrook's biggest gate of the season, around 700 plus, were regally entertained and could only admire the finely honed skills on show and the visitors' incredibly effective support play. Pete Knight returned at flanker and was the only change from DK XV that started at Newport. Dan Shakespeare (FR), Tui Asi Pito and Gareth Bown, returning from several months out with injury, were on the bench.

The DK front row were again pretty solid throughout and player coaches Jon Higgins and Pete Knight tried hard to stem a strong tide, as did Ian Langford who was always in the thick of the action.

Impossible

The backs also tried hard against the almost impossible odds, with Jon Higgins and Stefan Shillingford outstanding.

DK made the worst possible start, two unforced errors saw Lions winger Adrian Hales run in tries after four and six minutes, both converted by Lee Hinton to give Lions a 14-0 lead.

The home side hit back to reduce the arrears when Jon Higgins broke the Lion's line with a neat dummy and sent in Stefan Shillingford at the posts.

Simon Fletcher converted to halve the deficit. DK then enjoyed their best spell of the match. They took the game to the Lions to the delight of the crowd but were unable to find a way through a very capable defence. Instead it was Lions who increased their lead on 29 minutes when, after quick handling put Rob Brown into space, the winger brushed past three rather ineffective tackles to score close in. Hinton added the extras for a 21-7 lead.

After repulsing a couple of strong drives DK were penalised and Lion's hooker Dan Oselton was driven over for a try to make it 26-7 and take a bonus point.

Another strong drive on the DK line saw flanker William Brock over in the corner in stoppage time and Hinton again converted for a half-time score of 33-7 to the Lions.

Lions' quick, direct running shredded the home cover for William Brock to score his second try after 43 minutes. Hinton converted. Lions scored a seventh try after 49 minutes when flanker Sam Raven waltzed through a bereft defence. Hinton's trusty boot made it 47-7. Fraser Tait added try number eight on 51 minutes and Hinton's conversion made it 54-7.

Further converted tries from scrum half Dan Needham and a hat-trick try from Adrian Hales took the score to 68-7 before a final surge from DK gave them five minutes of pressure on the Lion's line where Pete Knight managed to score a consolation try.

A game of one half as Yeltz lose to pacesetters

Hungerford Town 2 Halesowen Town 0

HALESOWEN were easily beaten by two first half goals as the early season pacesetters Hungerford returned to top form.

The Yeltz fell behind in the fifth minute when goalkeeper Paul Evans was deceived by Diak John's left wing cross and Mark Draycott stooped to head home from close range.

Six minutes later Halesowen registered what would be their only shot at goal of the half when Nathan Jones saw his clipped effort saved by Stuart Wood.

The hosts suffered a blow when Wood limped out of the game to be replaced between the sticks by Scott Griffin, but the Yeltz barely troubled the reverse goalkeeper for the rest of the afternoon.

Hungerford doubled their lead after 40 minutes when Luke Brewer picked up a loose ball from a corner kick and cracked home on the half-volley from the edge of the penalty area.

Collected

After the break Michael McGrath struck a weak free-kick at Griffin and the home goalkeeper then collected a cross from Chilton as Halesowen looked to get back into the game.

Full back Scott Mason cleared off the line to deny Hungerford a third, before Andrew Westwood's cross was clawed out from his crossbar by Griffin at the other end.

But there was to be no way back into the game for the Yeltz with Hungerford finishing in the ascendancy in a match littered by interruptions for yellow cards.

Jamie Gosling's effort from the right was grabbed at the second attempt by Evans before Chris Blackford's 75th minute corner was cleared.

The Crusaders went close again when Hopper escaped from Brendan Kelly and saw his shot squirm from Evans' grasp, but James Loney cleared well with Draycott sliding in to meet the rebound.

With two minutes remaining, Jones set Chilton free but he was forced wide by Hungerford keeper Griffin and was then crowded out without any forward support to assist.

Jawanda is a powerhouse

Kingswinford 5 Pershore 4

KINGSWINFORD firsts got the better of a nine-goal thrill despite facing a very strong Pershore firsts with a bare squad. Kingswinford started with great energy with coach Billy Jawanda dominating play for the first 10 minutes.

He laid off a great ball to centre forward Surjit Takhar who hammered home from D Top. Minutes later Takhar scored an identical goal after a great pass from Sam George. Ed Parkes made it 3-0 after 15 minutes with a wonderful shot from a rebound off the Pershore Keeper.

At this point Pershore took control of the game and with some direct aerial hockey were able to put Kford under immense pressure.

The Pershore sweeper scooped three aerial passes to his forward who made no mistake and scored two and laid off another goal for his strike partner. Half time stood at 3-3.

However at this point coach Billy Jawanda came into his own and scored a brilliant short corner, won by Surjit Takhar, and a penalty flick to make it 5-3. Pershore responded with an outstanding goal to make it 5-4.

Boris is looking to serve up a treat for the Heathens

DUDLEY HEATHENS have snapped up Byron Bekker for the new season – and the rider nicknamed Boris hopes be a big smash with top-class bikes.

The South African suffered an injury-ravaged 2011 with Belle Vue which saw his average tumble to just over six and a half points.

But now he's looking to re-establish himself as one of the third tier's top men – and has bought machinery from Danish charger Kenni Larsen, who has just signed for Elite League Coventry.

"I'm serious about my career and I want to be on the best machinery I can possibly get my hands on," said Bekker, who has a string of league and cup winner's medals from his days with Scunthorpe.

"I've invested in equipment from Kenni who is a very good rider and has a reputation for having good equipment. I can't wait for the season to start. It's a dream come true to sign for the biggest club in the league with all their supporters.

"I am helped in the pits and with sponsorship by people who are Cradley through and through, Andy and John Tibbetts, and I think they are as pleased as me with this move!" said the 24-year-old.

"I wasn't settled at Belle Vue and my average dropped, but I believe I have what it takes to propel myself into a number one position once again."

Bekker joins skipper Adam Roynon as a confirmed starter for the Heathens and the pair will be joined by last season's Dudley Rider of the Year Darryl Ritchings, who will sign his contract on stage at Cradley Heath Liberal Club on Saturday night at the Heathens Christmas party (8pm).

Admission is £3 for Heathens Supporters Club members and £5 for non-members. A few tickets may remain; call 07717 242957.

Meanwhile, Dudley have revealed lifelong fan Ron Homer as an official club partner for the new season.

Quarry Bank-born Homer now lives in Middlesex and makes a 240-mile round-trip to all Heathens home meetings at Monmore Green.

"I have helped out with rider sponsorship, in particular Richard Franklin, but now I have decided to take my involvement up a level by becoming a team partner," he said.

Homer's name will go on the Heathens racejacket and the club is searching for a main team sponsor. Anyone interested should visit info@dudleyheathens.co or call 07717 242957.

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Back to back wins for happy Saxons

Stourbridge Saxons 26
Cambridge 18

A DAZZLING first-half display steered Stourbridge to victory and helped them celebrate back-to-back wins for the first time this season.

Cambridge hit back in the final 30 minutes but with the Saxons defence outstanding, there was no way Neil Mitchell's side would be denied.

Centre Tom Jarvis posted the first points with just seven minutes on the clock. Tom Wheatcroft's clearing kick was charged down and Jarvis was on hand to run the ball home and hand Ally Bressington a simple conversion.

Cambridge replied with a brace of Wheatcroft penalties before Ben Barkley found space down the right flank to score in the corner.

A missed conversion and a trio of missed penalties meant Stourbridge could not stretch their advantage despite dominating first-half possession.

But a third try, scored and converted by Ally Bressington seven minutes before the break, put that right. The ball was worked out to the left and the winger chipped over Michael Ayrton before gathering the ball and diving in at the corner.

The 13-point interval lead was further stretched four minutes into the second period when Nathan Bressington spotted a gap and burst through to score, his brother slotting over the extras.

Cambridge rallied and prop Tom Fidler was driven over, Wheatcroft adding the conversion. Second row Ien Ashcroft-Leigh crossed but the conversion was missed and Saxons eased to the finishing line.

Heroes take a bow . . . Stourbridge's players acknowledge the crowd after their FA Cup exploits come to an end *Pictures: Patrick Mulvaney*

HAIL THE HEROES

Stourbridge 0 Stevenage 3

THE great Cup run has ended – but the memories will linger on for Stourbridge's management, players, staff and supporters.

Ultimately, League One Stevenage had just too much for the part-timers.

But the big ovation at the end of the match spoke volumes for the way in which Gary Hackett's men have captured the imagination of the town – and region.

Stourbridge held their illustrious visitors for over an hour before conceding. A second goal with 12 minutes remaining killed the tie and a third right on 90 minutes was cruel on the home side.

Hackett acknowledged Stevenage's superiority and felt his team never quite gathered a sufficient head of steam to threaten another giant-killing act.

"They did a great job on us," he said. "In many ways, this was the worst possible draw because they didn't want to 'play' us.

"They are very effective at what they do and they proved that.

"OK, it was a mistake for their first goal but you have to say they deserved it. We didn't quite create enough chances, we never got enough momentum going and they deserve credit.

"The game never got any rhythm or flow as a result. Would I want to watch them every week? Probably not – but then again I'd rather be in the third round instead of not."

It remains an enormously impressive effort by the squad to have come within touching distance of the most magical draw in domestic Cup football anywhere in the world. But any suggestions that Stourbridge peaked on Saturday, that the club reached the limit of its potential, are dimissed by Hackett.

"There are good people here who want to build and develop the club but slowly and soundly," he says. "That is the key.

"You all came here two years ago when we reached the first round proper. Now we have reached the second.

"Maybe we can make that third round another couple of years from now.

"But it's about keeping moving forward but doing so carefully. We have much to look forward to and while we are all pretty dejected with the outcome of this game right now, give us a couple of days and we will be reminding the players just how well they have done."

Focal

More than £100,000, less expenses, have shored up the club's coffers as it fulfils its ancient commitment to provide a proud sporting focal point for its community, offer young players a launch pad for careers and more seasoned figures the chance to perhaps re-engage thwarted ambitions.

Stourbridge are doing it better than most at the moment and it was only a pity that their reward for overcoming one League club in serious decline, Plymouth, was to pick a former non-league club on the rise.

With their legs fresh and their midfield fortified by an extra body, Stourbridge were a match for Stevenage for the first hour; well-marshalled, pragmatic themselves in dealing with the visitors' percentage play.

And they brought at least one side of the stadium to its feet in the 60th minute when a wonderful James Dyson free-kick looked for all the world as if it had found the top corner.

It even fooled Hackett and his bench. "We were going mad thinking that was in," he chuckled. Sadly, it was an optical illusion; what followed nobody wanted to see. Stevenage's game plan had at its core the simple truth of waiting for their superior conditioning to take effect as they waited for the slightest error.

That arrived in the 65th minute when keeper Lewis Solly, who enjoyed an otherwise splendid 300th appearance and made one outstanding first-half save to deny Arsenal loanee Luke Freeman, couldn't hold a Michael Bostwick strike.

Solly was annoyed with himself later but the ball had bounced up awkwardly in front of his dive and Chris Beardsley took advantage from close range. Their belief broken, Stourbridge fought to the finish but were unable to prevent further goals from Beardsley 12 minutes later and Robin Shroot.

Ryan Rowe's progress is halted

Chris Day sees a Stourbridge shot drift just wide of the target

Five-star Stour defeat the Colts

Boys league
Halesowen Town 1
Stourbridge U10 1

Stourbridge 0
Mount Nod 4

TOP of the table Mount Nod won an open game against the U12A side.

The visitors took the lead with an excellent move down the right and an equally impressive finish.

Stour were unlucky not to equalise when striking the bar but Mount Nod stretched their lead to three at the break and scored a fourth in the second half.

Netherton Colts 0
Stourbridge 5

The U12B went nap with a fine away victory.

They went ahead after 15 minutes through a Conner Fowkes volley and added a second five minutes when Sam Green found the top corner.

Liam Hands collected Jack Davies' fine pass to round the keeper for the third just before the break.

Hands was played in by Callum Collions for the fourth and Josh Ball then stepped up after being fouled in the penalty area to round off the scoring from the spot.

Stourbridge U13A 1
Leamington 0

Stourbridge 1
Holy Name Celts 1

Several missed chances at both ends proved to be the story of a game that ended all square.

The visiting U14 side started the brighter only for Stourbridge to catch them with a swift counter-attack.

Jordan Siviter collected the ball from just inside the Stour half and released Liam Smart with a 25-yard through ball. Smart took full advantage and powered home his shot.

Both sides had opportunities before the break with Connor Lawrence and Siviter both denied by fine last-ditch tackles.

Chances continued to mount in the second half with both Smart and Siviter missing opportunities while Holy Name struck both post and bar before levelling from the spot.

Atherstone 4
Stourbridge U15A 3

Dudley Town 3
Stourbridge U15B 3

Leamington 2
Stourbridge U16 South1

Austrey Rangers 0 Stourbridge U18 1

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